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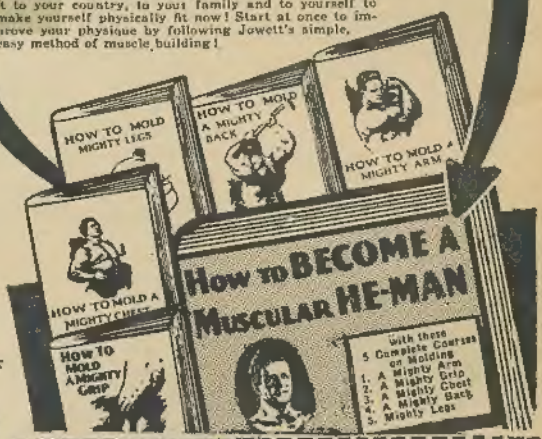
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HALP! PUH--LASTIC MAAA-A-AN!
FOOL! PLASTIC MAN IS MANY MILES FROM HERE, AND CANNOT COME TO YOUR AID!
PLASTIC MAN meets an antagonist harsh and ruthless as the desert sun, when ALI KRIM, the bedouin chief, shifts his marauding activities from his native sands to the American wastelands!

A Marble River Scan

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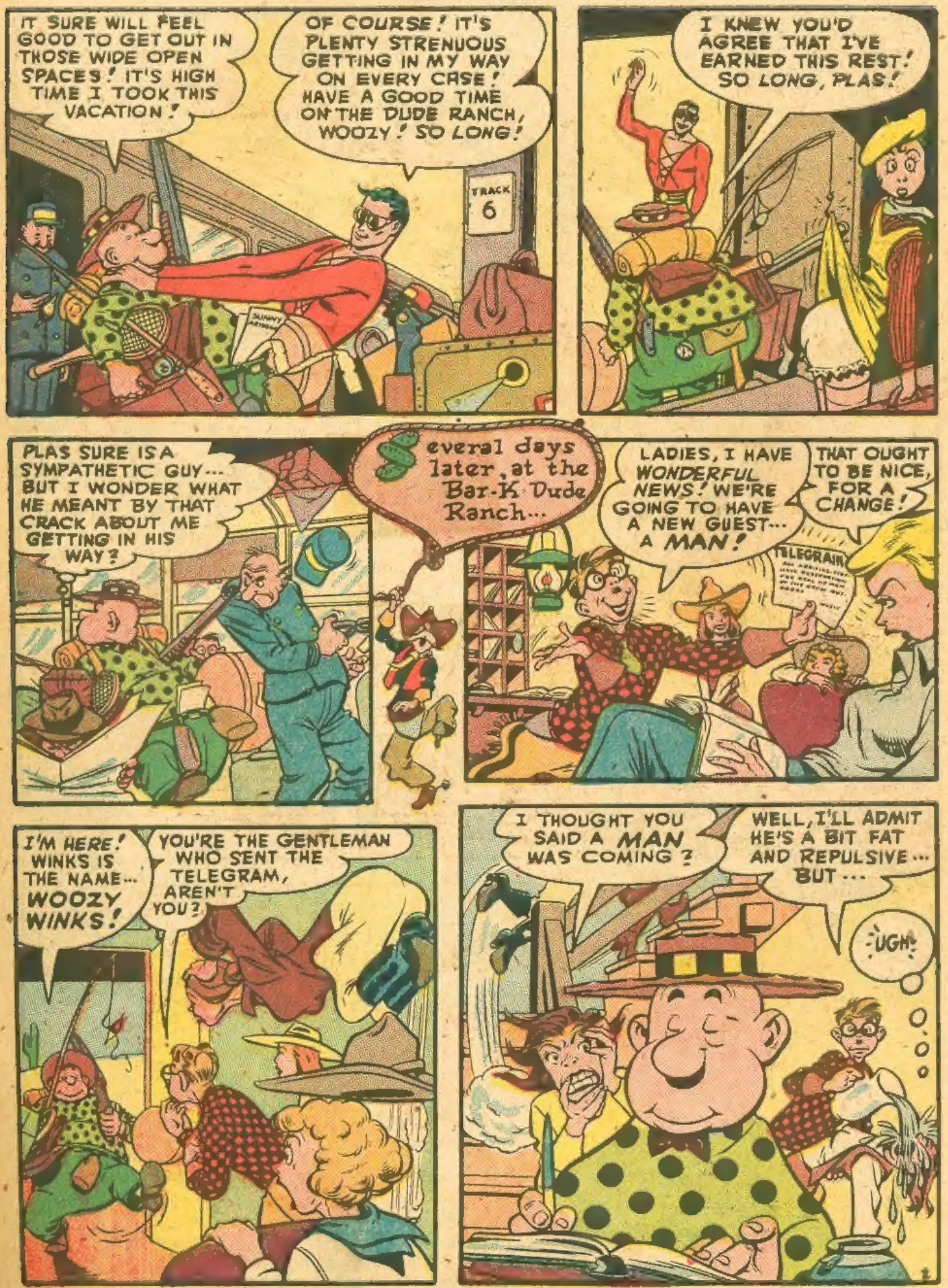
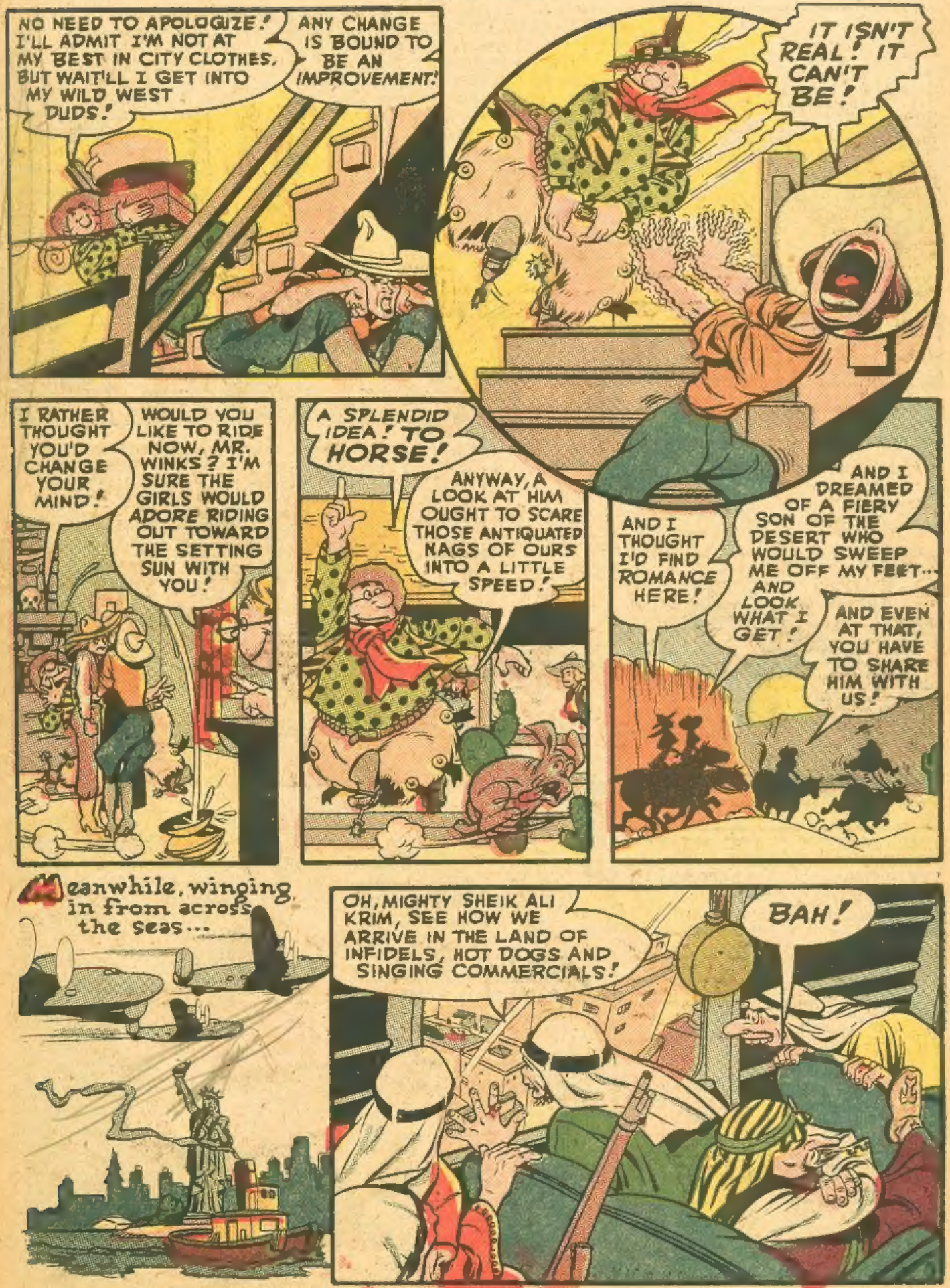
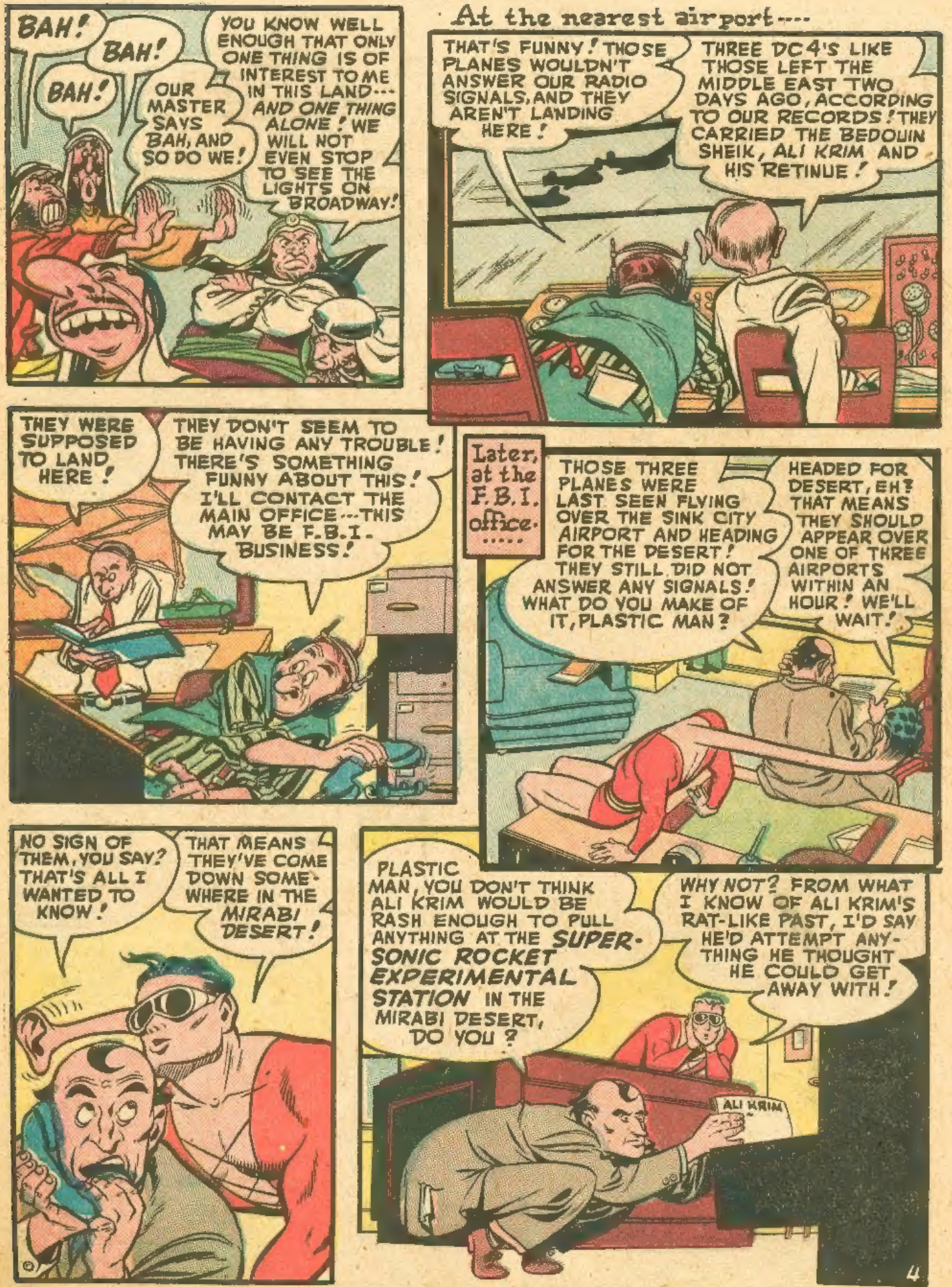
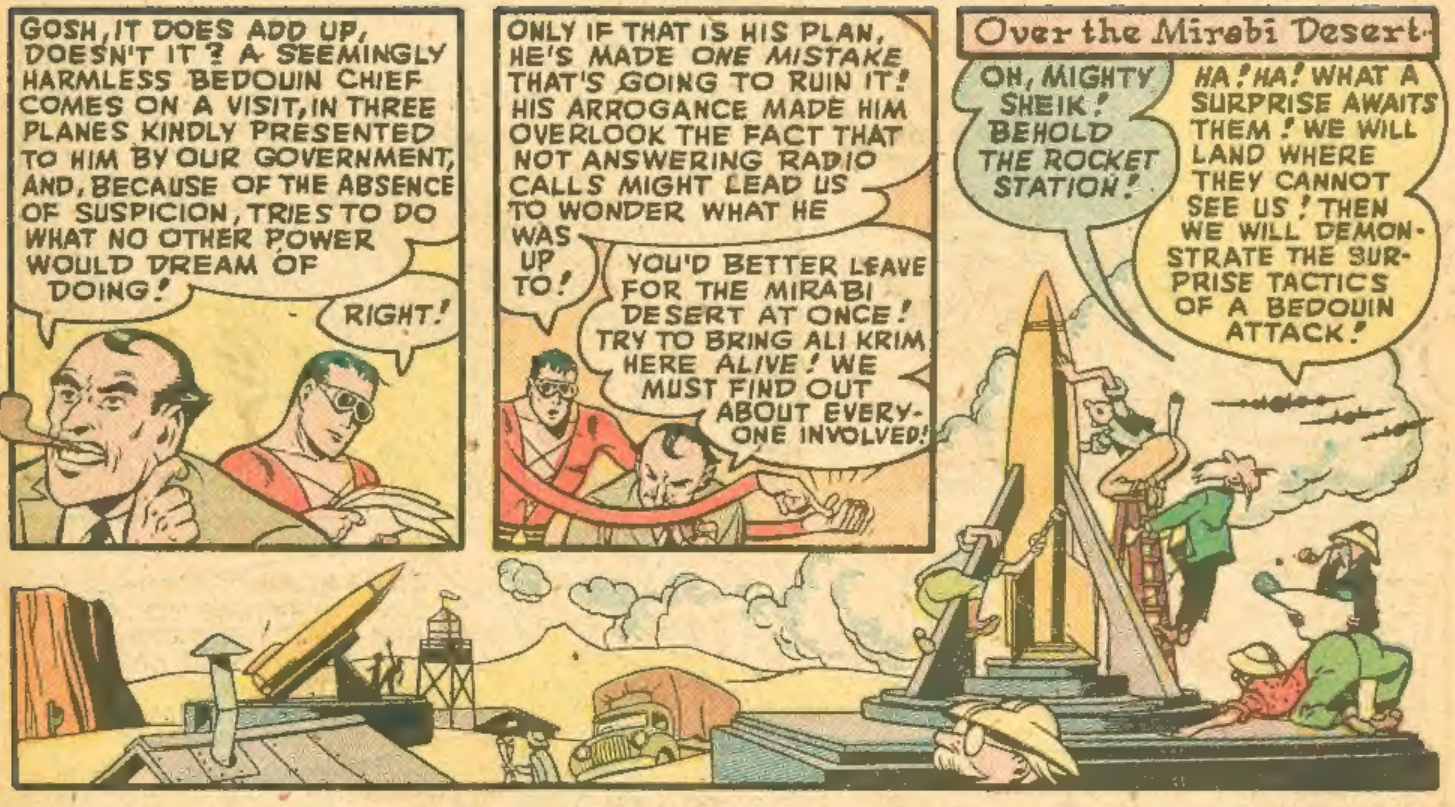
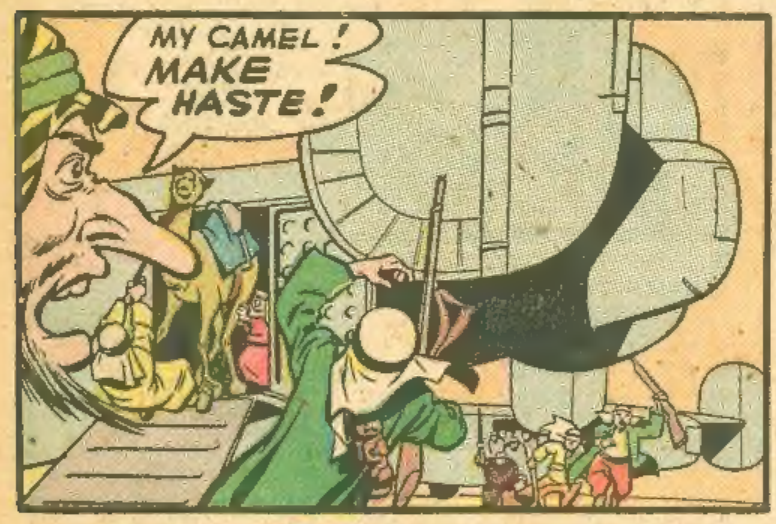

IT SURE WILL FEEL GOOD TO GET OUT IN THOSE WIDE OPEN SPACES! IT'S HIGH TIME I TOOK THIS VACATION!
OF COURSE! IT'S PLENTY STRENUOUS GETTING IN MY WAY ON EVERY CASE! HAVE A GOOD TIME ON THE DUDE RANCH, WOOZY! SO LONG!
TRACK 6
I KNEW YOU'D AGREE THAT I'VE EARNED THIS REST! SO LONG, PLAS!
PLAS SURE IS A SYMPATHETIC GUY... BUT I WONDER WHAT HE MEANT BY THAT CRACK ABOUT ME GETTING IN HIS WAY?
Several days later, at the Bar-K Dude Ranch...
LADIES, I HAVE WONDERFUL NEWS! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A NEW GUEST... A MAN!
TELEGRAM
THAT OUGHT TO BE NICE, FOR A CHANGE!
I'M HERE! WINKS IS THE NAME... WOOZY WINKS!
YOU'RE THE GENTLEMAN WHO SENT THE TELEGRAM, AREN'T YOU?
I THOUGHT YOU SAID A MAN WAS COMING?
WELL, I'LL ADMIT HE'S A BIT FAT AND REPULSIVE... BUT...
UGH!


NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE! I'LL ADMIT I'M NOT AT MY BEST IN CITY CLOTHES. BUT WAIT'LL I GET INTO MY WILD WEST DUDS!
ANY CHANGE IS BOUND TO BE AN IMPROVEMENT!
IT ISN'T REAL! IT CAN'T BE!
I RATHER THOUGHT YOU'D CHANGE YOUR MIND!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO RIDE NOW, MR. WINKS? I'M SURE THE GIRLS WOULD ADORE RIDING OUT TOWARD THE SETTING SUN WITH YOU!
A SPLENDID IDEA! TO HORSE!
ANYWAY, A LOOK AT HIM OUGHT TO SCARE THOSE ANTIQUATED NAGS OF OURS INTO A LITTLE SPEED!
AND I THOUGHT I'D FIND ROMANCE HERE!
AND I DREAMED OF A FIERY SON OF THE DESERT WHO WOULD SWEEP ME OFF MY FEET... AND LOOK WHAT I GET!
AND EVEN AT THAT, YOU HAVE TO SHARE HIM WITH US!
Meanwhile, winging in from across the seas...
OH, MIGHTY SHEIK ALI KRIM, SEE HOW WE ARRIVE IN THE LAND OF INFIDELS, HOT DOGS AND SINGING COMMERCIALS!
BAH!

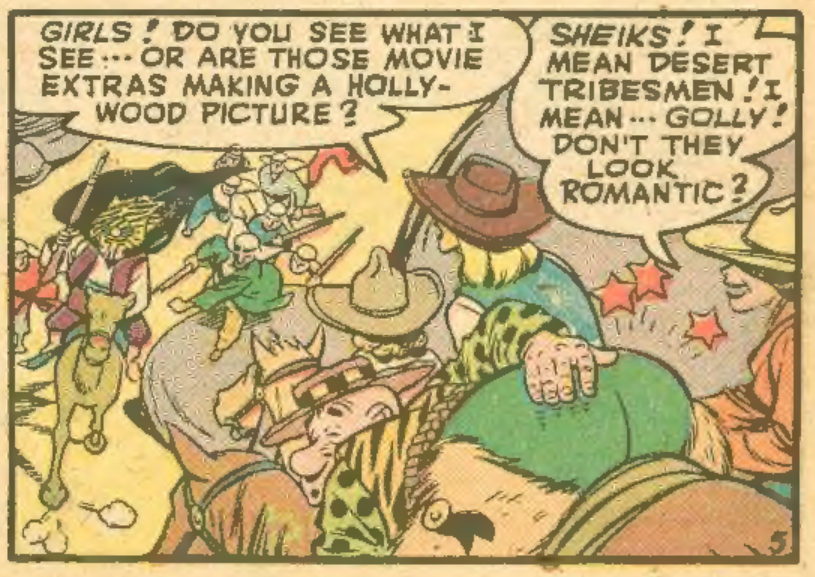

BAH!
BAH!
BAH!
OUR MASTER SAYS BAH, AND SO DO WE!
YOU KNOW WELL ENOUGH THAT ONLY ONE THING IS OF INTEREST TO ME IN THIS LAND--- AND ONE THING ALONE! WE WILL NOT EVEN STOP TO SEE THE LIGHTS ON BROADWAY!
At the nearest airport---
THAT'S FUNNY! THOSE PLANES WOULDN'T ANSWER OUR RADIO SIGNALS, AND THEY AREN'T LANDING HERE!
THREE DC4'S LIKE THOSE LEFT THE MIDDLE EAST TWO DAYS AGO, ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS! THEY CARRIED THE BEDOUIN SHEIK, ALI KRIM AND HIS RETINUE!
THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO LAND HERE!
THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE HAVING ANY TROUBLE! THERE'S SOMETHING FUNNY ABOUT THIS! I'LL CONTACT THE MAIN OFFICE---THIS MAY BE F.B.I. BUSINESS!
Later, at the F.B.I. office.....
THOSE THREE PLANES WERE LAST SEEN FLYING OVER THE SINK CITY AIRPORT AND HEADING FOR THE DESERT! THEY STILL DID NOT ANSWER ANY SIGNALS! WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, PLASTIC MAN?
HEADED FOR DESERT, EH? THAT MEANS THEY SHOULD APPEAR OVER ONE OF THREE AIRPORTS WITHIN AN HOUR! WE'LL WAIT!
NO SIGN OF THEM, YOU SAY? THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW!
THAT MEANS THEY'VE COME DOWN SOMEWHERE IN THE MIRABI DESERT!
PLASTIC MAN, YOU DON'T THINK ALI KRIM WOULD BE RASH ENOUGH TO PULL ANYTHING AT THE SUPER-SONIC ROCKET EXPERIMENTAL STATION IN THE MIRABI DESERT, DO YOU?
WHY NOT? FROM WHAT I KNOW OF ALI KRIM'S RAT-LIKE PAST, I'D SAY HE'D ATTEMPT ANYTHING HE THOUGHT HE COULD GET AWAY WITH!
ALI KRIM


GOSH, IT DOES ADD UP, DOESN'T IT? A SEEMINGLY HARMLESS BEDOUIN CHIEF COMES ON A VISIT, IN THREE PLANES KINDLY PRESENTED TO HIM BY OUR GOVERNMENT, AND, BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF SUSPICION, TRIES TO DO WHAT NO OTHER POWER WOULD DREAM OF DOING!
RIGHT!
ONLY IF THAT IS HIS PLAN, HE'S MADE ONE MISTAKE THAT'S GOING TO RUIN IT! HIS ARROGANCE MADE HIM OVERLOOK THE FACT THAT NOT ANSWERING RADIO CALLS MIGHT LEAD US TO WONDER WHAT HE WAS UP TO!
YOU'D BETTER LEAVE FOR THE MIRABI DESERT AT ONCE! TRY TO BRING ALI KRIM HERE ALIVE! WE MUST FIND OUT ABOUT EVERY-ONE INVOLVED!
Over the Mirabi Desert.
OH, MIGHTY SHEIK! BEHOLD THE ROCKET STATION!
HA! HA! WHAT A SURPRISE AWAITS THEM! WE WILL LAND WHERE THEY CANNOT SEE US! THEN WE WILL DEMON-STRATE THE SUR-PRISE TACTICS OF A BEDOUIN ATTACK!


MY CAMEL! MAKE HASTE!

FOLLOW ME, AND REMEMBER YOUR ORDERS!
YES, O MIGHTY SHEIK!

SEE, O MASTER! HORSEMEN!
WE MUST KILL THEM··· ELSE THEY MAY DISCOVER WHAT WE DO!


GIRLS! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE··· OR ARE THOSE MOVIE EXTRAS MAKING A HOLLY-WOOD PICTURE?
SHEIKS! I MEAN DESERT TRIBESMEN! I MEAN··· GOLLY! DON'T THEY LOOK ROMANTIC?
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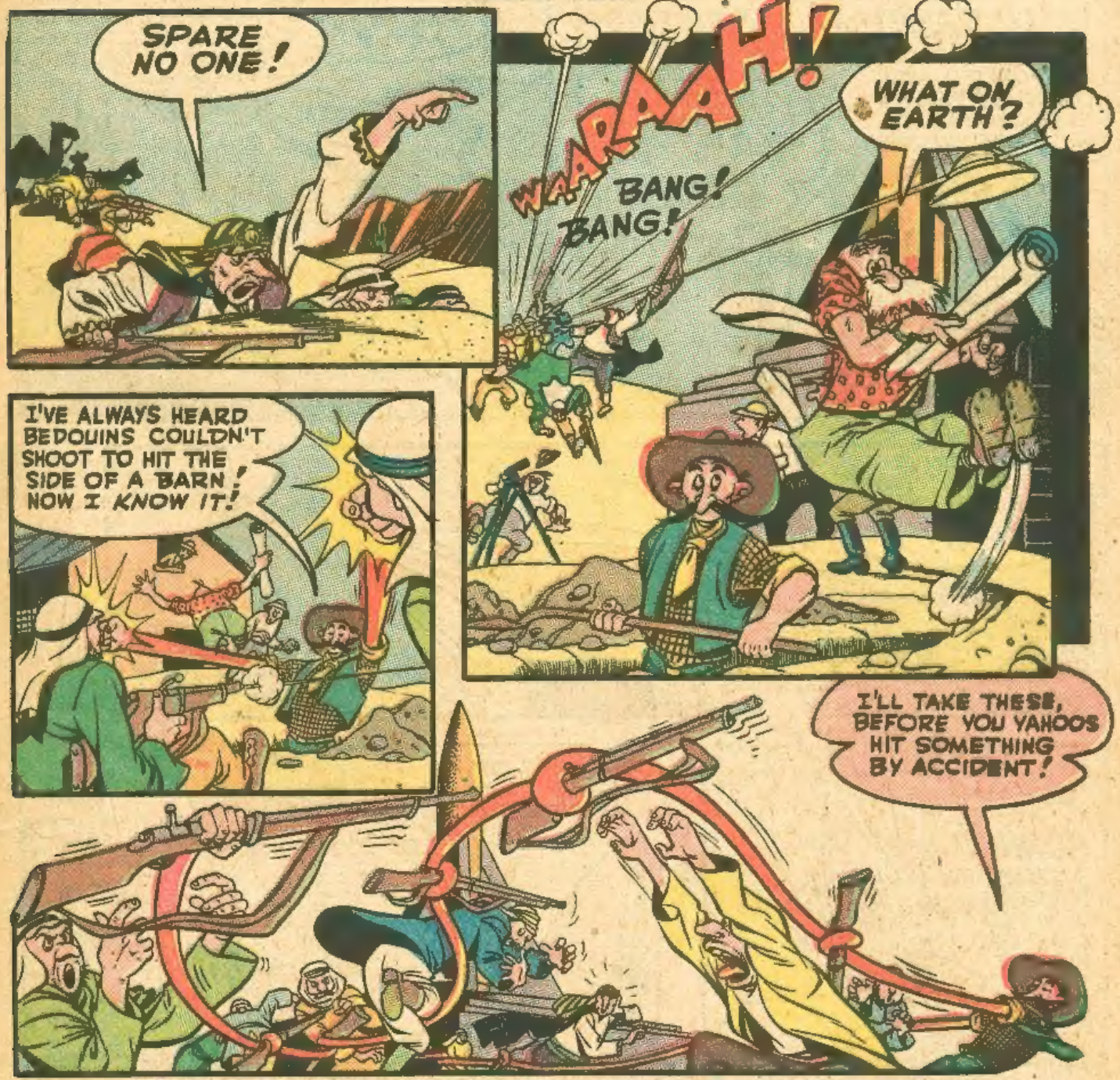
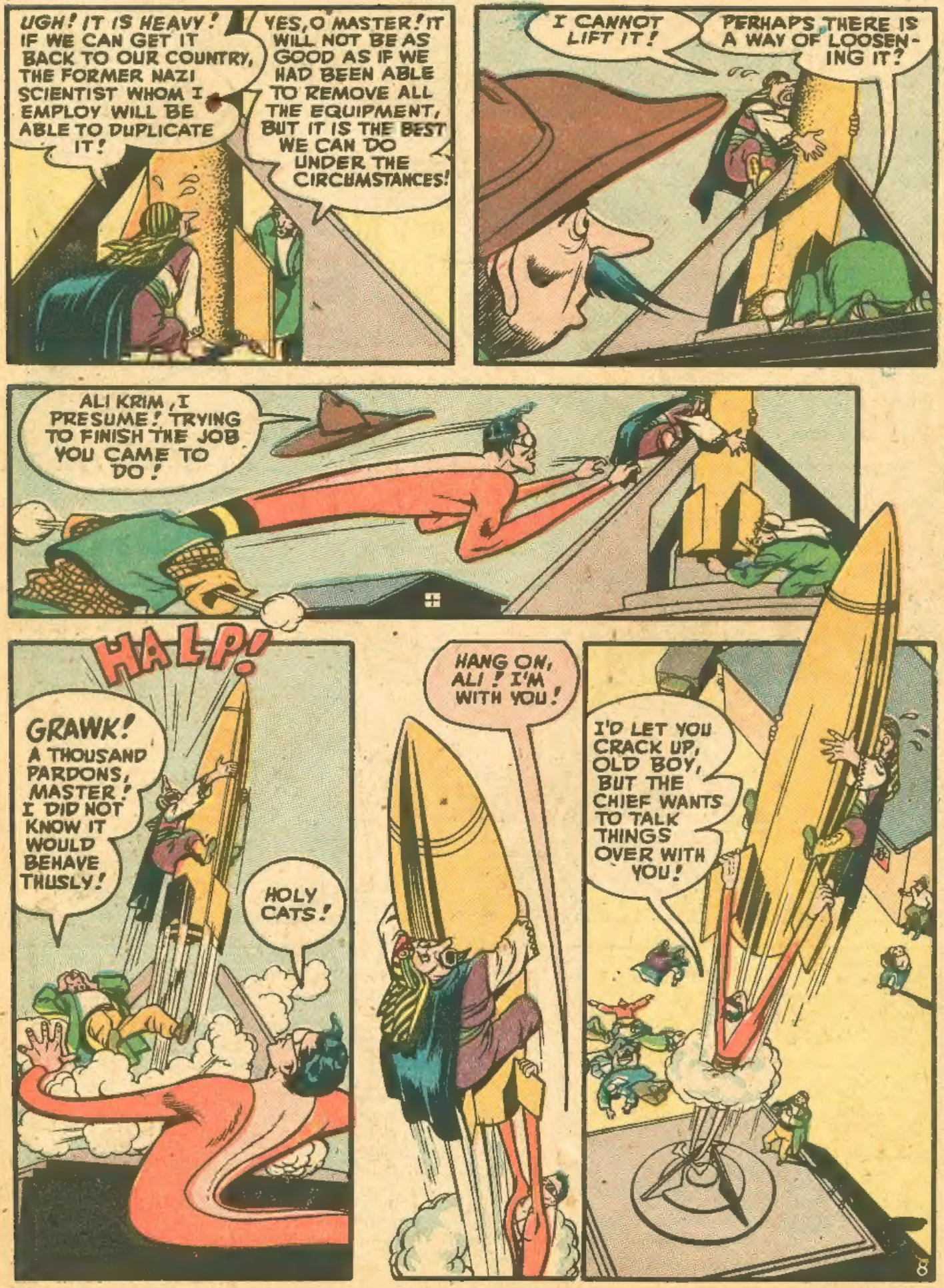
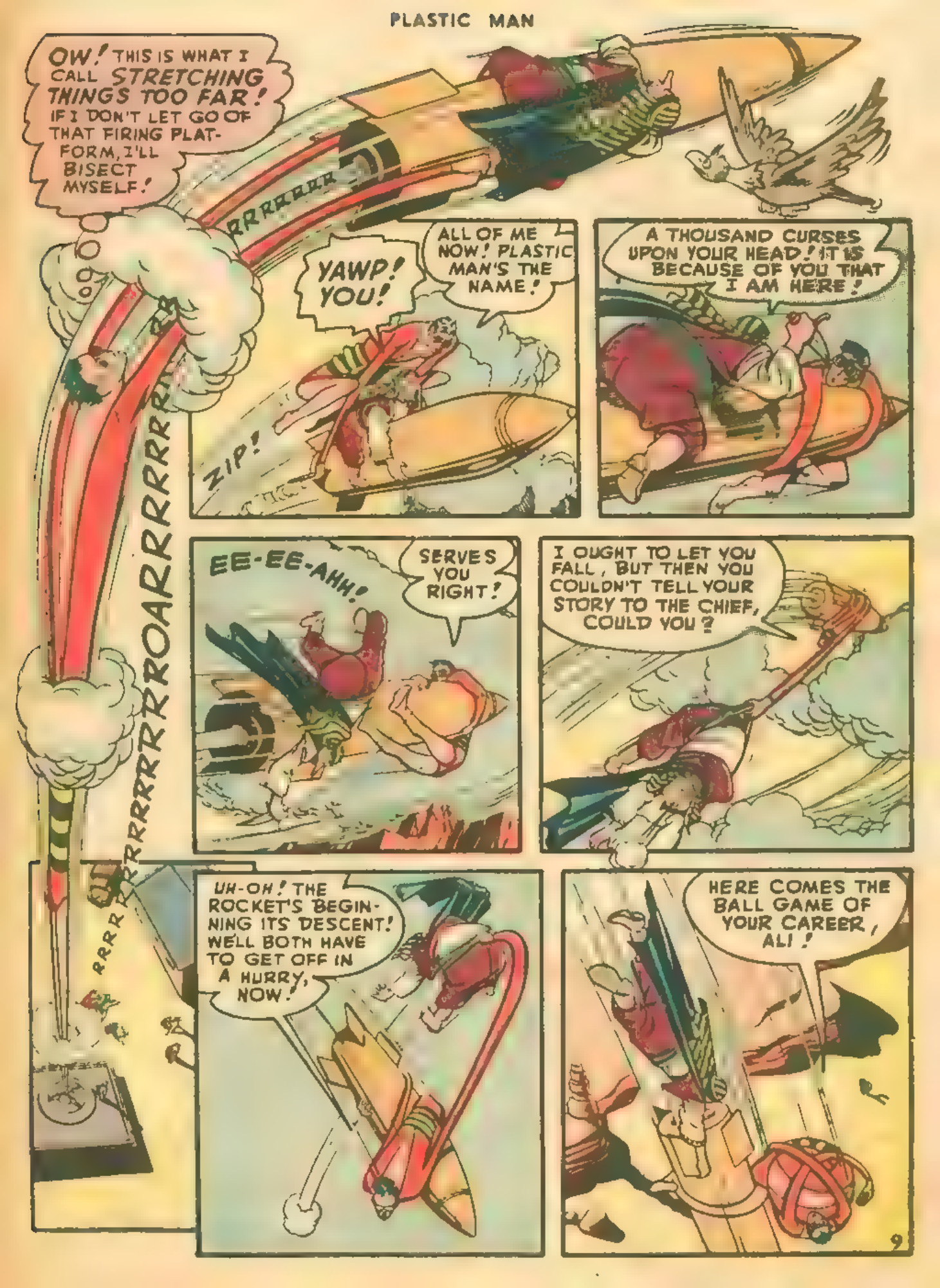
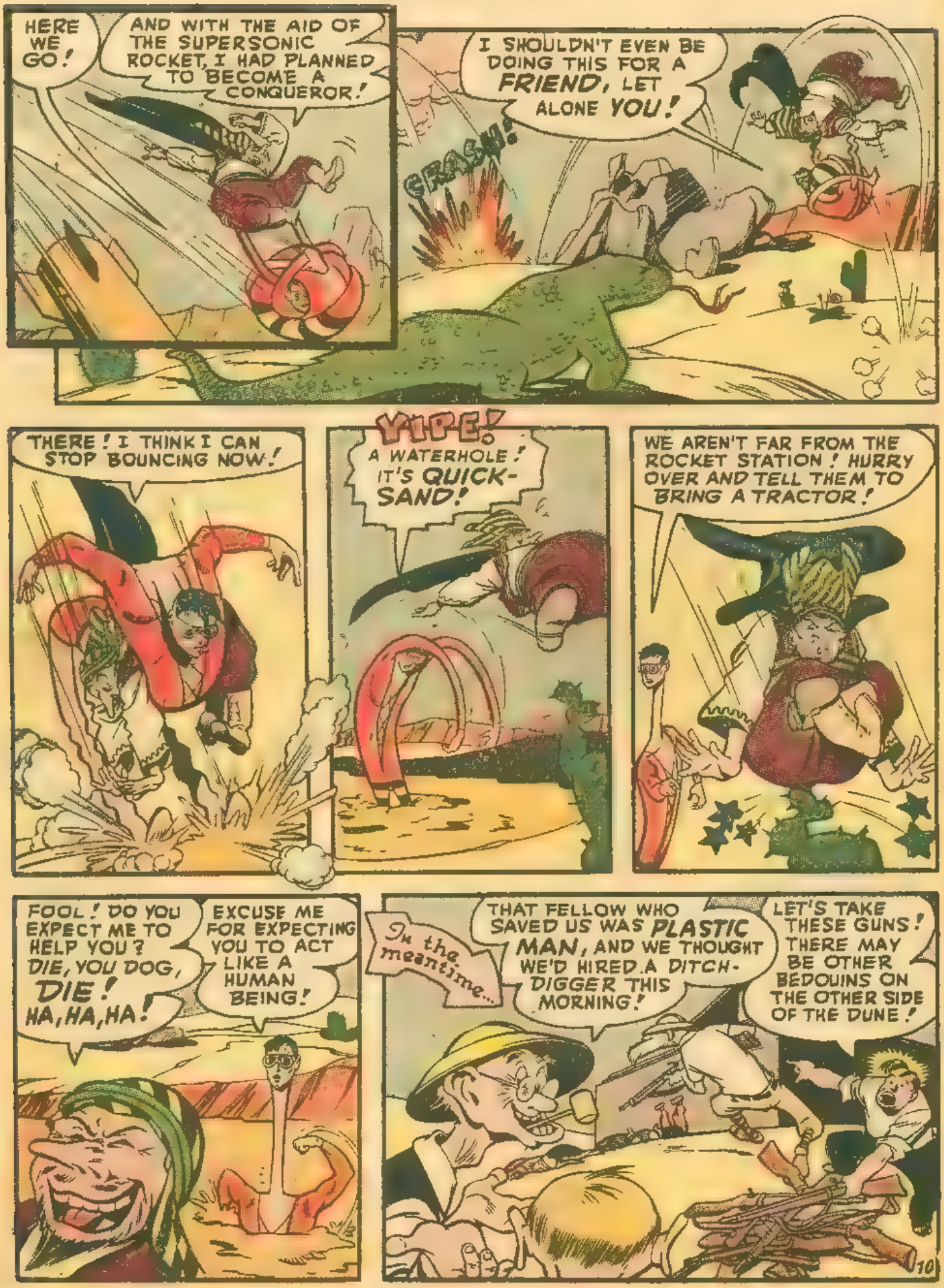
BY THE BEARD OF THE PROPHET, THEY ARE FEMALES, O MASTER!
COMELY ONES, TOO! WE WILL NOT SLAY THEM! I WILL ADD THEM TO MY HAREM!
YOO HOO!
HELLOOO THERE!
AW, I'LL BET IT'S JUST A STUNT SOME RIVAL DUDE RANCH IS PULLING!
HEY! WHAT'S THE IDEA?
GOODNESS! THEY'RE GOING TO KIDNAP US! THESE GUYS REALLY ARE BADDIES!
SHALL WE SLAY THE MAN NOW, MASTER?
NOT YET! THERE ISN'T TIME TO KILL HIM WITH THE TORTURE DUE AN INFIDEL WHO HAS BEHELD THE UNVEILED FACES OF FUTURE MEMBERS OF MY HAREM!
WHERE ARE THEY TAKING US?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT THESE CHARACTERS DON'T SMELL AS GOOD AS THEY LOOKED FROM A DISTANCE---- AND THEY'RE BEHAVING EVEN WORSE!
THEY ARE DEFENSELESS! IT WILL BE A SLAUGHTER! LEAVE ENOUGH MEN TO GUARD THE WOMEN AND THE INFIDEL DOG!

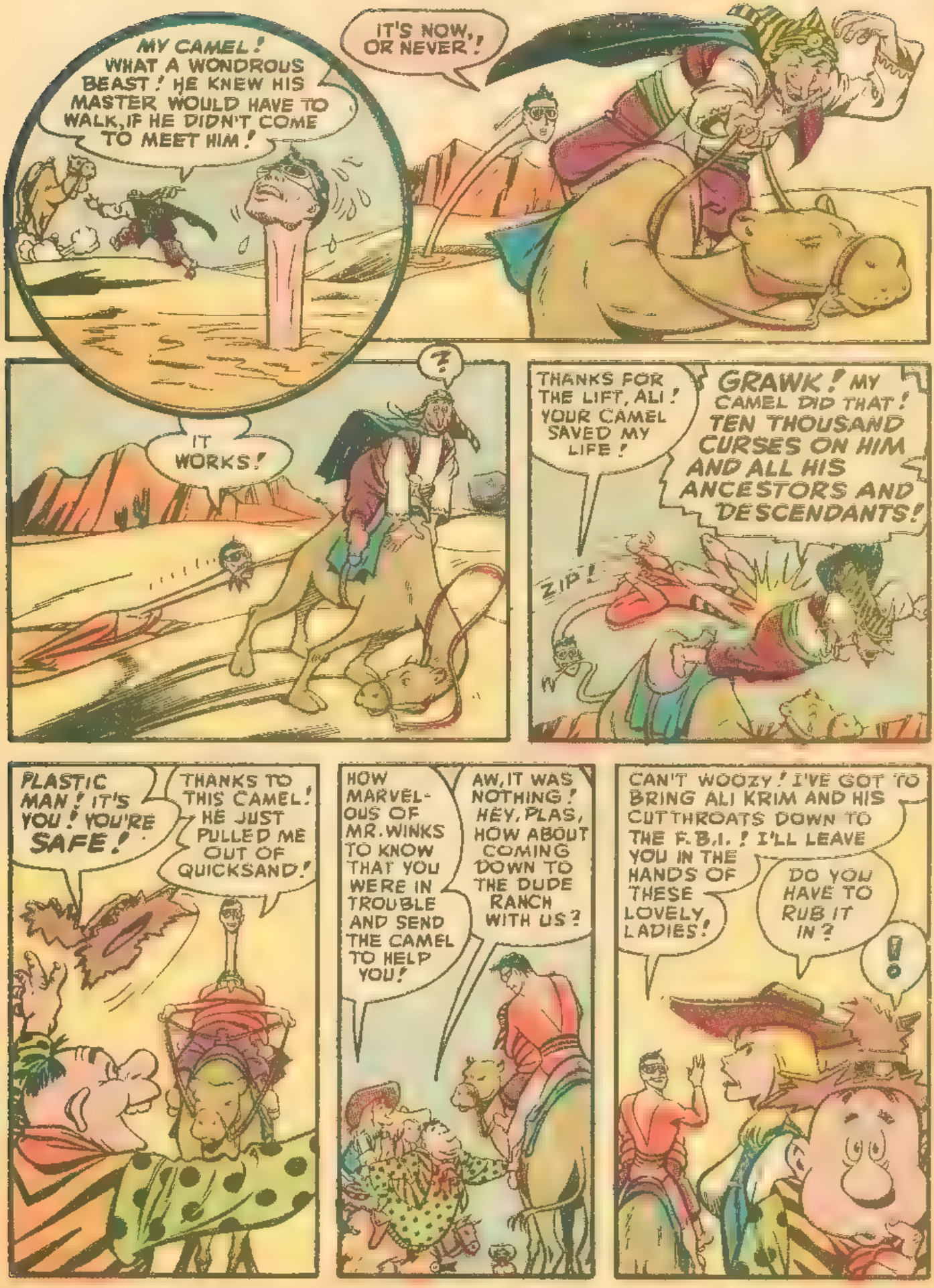

SPARE NO ONE!
WAARAAH!
BANG! BANG!
WHAT ON EARTH?
I'VE ALWAYS HEARD BEDOUINS COULDN'T SHOOT TO HIT THE SIDE OF A BARN! NOW I KNOW IT!
I'LL TAKE THESE, BEFORE YOU YAHOOS HIT SOMETHING BY ACCIDENT!
BY THE ROBE OF THE PROPHET, THE ONE WITH THE STRETCHING ARMS IS MORE THAN HUMAN!
YOU KID NOT, O MASTER!
NOW LIE DOWN! THIS LIFE'S TOO WEARING WITHOUT AN OCCASIONAL NAP!
OUR MEN ARE PUTTY IN HIS HANDS! WE MUST ACT QUICKLY! WE WILL SEIZE ONE OF THE SUPERSONIC ROCKETS AND TAKE IT TO THE PLANE BEFORE THE ONE WHO STRETCHES SEES US!


UGH! IT IS HEAVY! IF WE CAN GET IT BACK TO OUR COUNTRY, THE FORMER NAZI SCIENTIST WHOM I EMPLOY WILL BE ABLE TO DUPLICATE IT!
YES, O MASTER! IT WILL NOT BE AS GOOD AS IF WE HAD BEEN ABLE TO REMOVE ALL THE EQUIPMENT, BUT IT IS THE BEST WE CAN DO UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES!
I CANNOT LIFT IT!
PERHAPS THERE IS A WAY OF LOOSENING IT?
ALI KRIM, I PRESUME! TRYING TO FINISH THE JOB YOU CAME TO DO!
HALP!
GRAWK! A THOUSAND PARDONS, MASTER! I DID NOT KNOW IT WOULD BEHAVE THUSLY!
HOLY CATS!
HANG ON, ALI! I'M WITH YOU!
I'D LET YOU CRACK UP, OLD BOY, BUT THE CHIEF WANTS TO TALK THINGS OVER WITH YOU!


OW! THIS IS WHAT I CALL STRETCHING THINGS TOO FAR! IF I DON'T LET GO OF THAT FIRING PLATFORM, I'LL BISECT MYSELF!
RRRRRRR
YAWP! YOU!
ALL OF ME NOW! PLASTIC MAN'S THE NAME!
ZIP!
A THOUSAND CURSES UPON YOUR HEAD! IT IS BECAUSE OF YOU THAT I AM HERE!
RRRRRRROARRRRRRR
EE-EE-AHH!
SERVES YOU RIGHT!
I OUGHT TO LET YOU FALL, BUT THEN YOU COULDN'T TELL YOUR STORY TO THE CHIEF, COULD YOU?
RRRRRRR
UH-OH! THE ROCKET'S BEGINNING ITS DESCENT! WE'LL BOTH HAVE TO GET OFF IN A HURRY, NOW!
HERE COMES THE BALL GAME OF YOUR CAREER, AL!


HERE WE GO!
AND WITH THE AID OF THE SUPERSONIC ROCKET, I HAD PLANNED TO BECOME A CONQUEROR!
I SHOULDN'T EVEN BE DOING THIS FOR A FRIEND, LET ALONE YOU!
CRASH!
THERE! I THINK I CAN STOP BOUNCING NOW!
YIPE!
A WATERHOLE! IT'S QUICK-SAND!
WE AREN'T FAR FROM THE ROCKET STATION! HURRY OVER AND TELL THEM TO BRING A TRACTOR!
FOOL! DO YOU EXPECT ME TO HELP YOU? DIE, YOU DOG, DIE! HA, HA, HA!
EXCUSE ME FOR EXPECTING YOU TO ACT LIKE A HUMAN BEING!
In the meantime...
THAT FELLOW WHO SAVED US WAS PLASTIC MAN, AND WE THOUGHT WE'D HIRED A DITCH-DIGGER THIS MORNING!
LET'S TAKE THESE GUNS! THERE MAY BE OTHER BEDOUINS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DUNE!

CAMEL, IF I EVER GET MY HANDS FREE, I'LL MAKE YOU PAY FOR THAT HAT!
LOOK! OUR MASTER, THE NOBLE SHEIK, MUST HAVE FAILED!
PUT UP A FIGHT, YOU DESERT RATS! OR DIDN'T YOU WANT ONE IN THE FIRST PLACE?
OUR HEROES!
THERE'S ONE THING I WANT TO DO BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE!
LOOK AT THAT HAT! JUST LOOK AT THAT HAT, YOU MOTH EATEN DESERT GONDOLA!
WHAP
DON'T LET A LITTLE THING LIKE THAT WORRY YOU! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR PLASTIC MAN, NONE OF US WOULD BE HERE NOW!
PLASTIC MAN? IS HE HERE?
HE WAS HERE! HE WENT UP ON A ROCKET WITH ALI KRIM---- UNINTENTIONALLY, OF COURSE!
A ROCKET? O-MI-GOSH!
BUT IF HE WENT UP, HE'S GOT TO COME DOWN! WE MUST FIND HIM!


MY CAMEL! WHAT A WONDROUS BEAST! HE KNEW HIS MASTER WOULD HAVE TO WALK, IF HE DIDN'T COME TO MEET HIM!
IT'S NOW, OR NEVER!
?
IT WORKS!
THANKS FOR THE LIFT, ALI! YOUR CAMEL SAVED MY LIFE!
GRAWK! MY CAMEL DID THAT! TEN THOUSAND CURSES ON HIM AND ALL HIS ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS!
ZIP!
PLASTIC MAN! IT'S YOU! YOU'RE SAFE!
THANKS TO THIS CAMEL! HE JUST PULLED ME OUT OF QUICKSAND!
HOW MARVELOUS OF MR. WINKS TO KNOW THAT YOU WERE IN TROUBLE AND SEND THE CAMEL TO HELP YOU!
AW, IT WAS NOTHING! HEY, PLAS, HOW ABOUT COMING DOWN TO THE DUDE RANCH WITH US?
CAN'T WOOZY! I'VE GOT TO BRING ALI KRIM AND HIS CUTTHROATS DOWN TO THE F.B.I.! I'LL LEAVE YOU IN THE HANDS OF THESE LOVELY LADIES!
DO YOU HAVE TO RUB IT IN?
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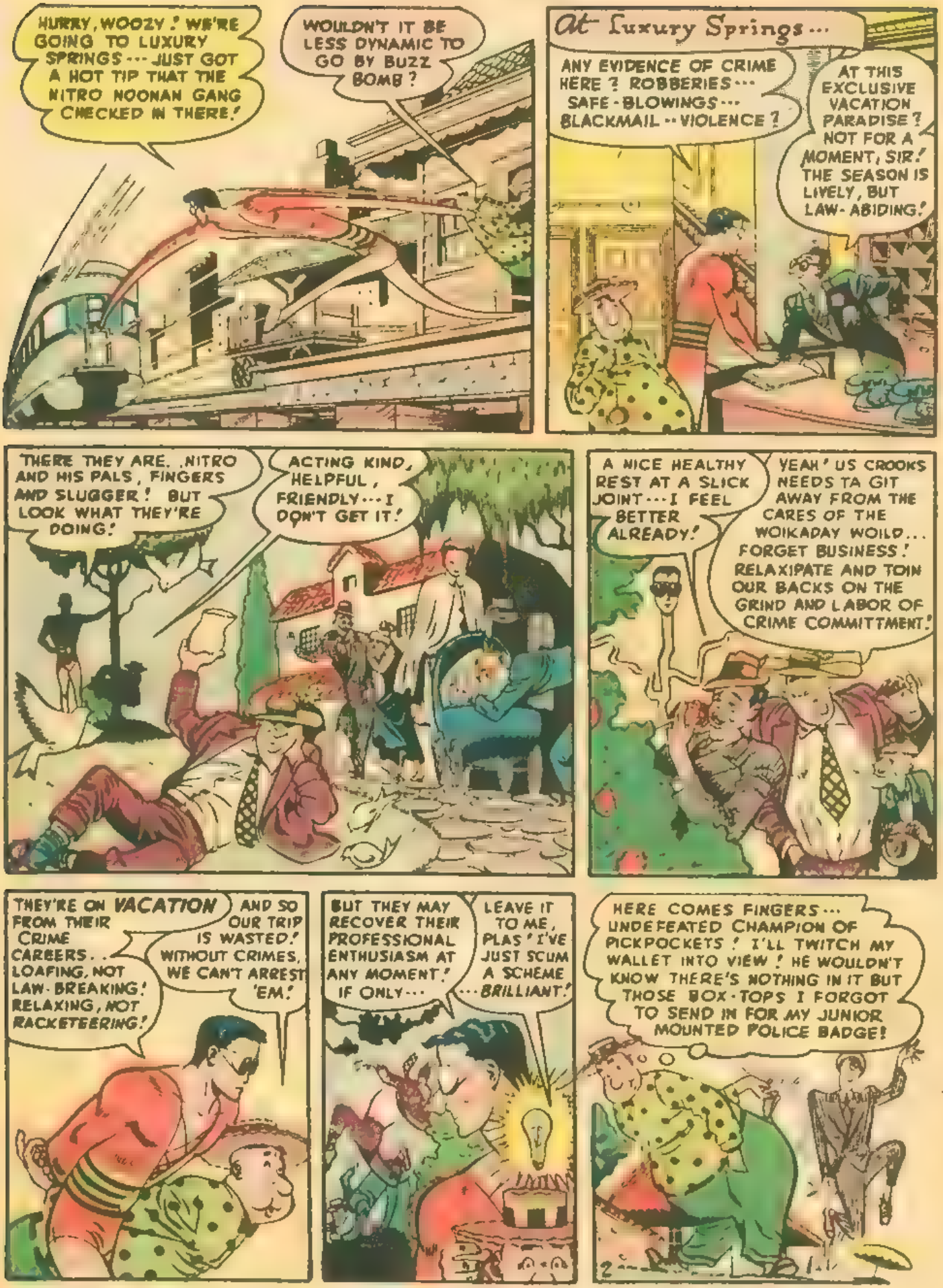
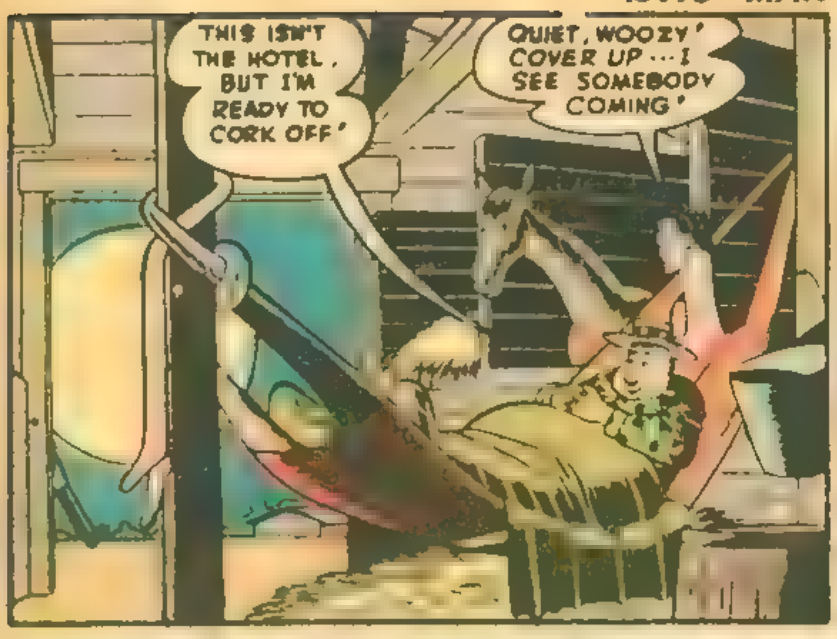
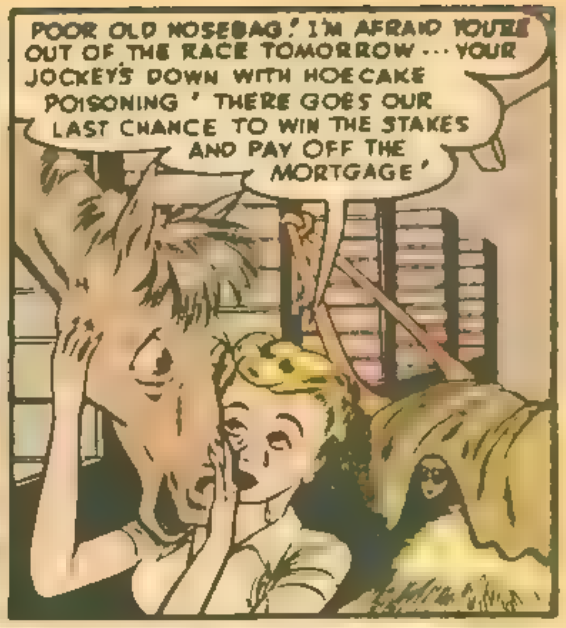
Grim gangsters wanted to get away from it all! They went on vacation from their outlaw labors ..... But Plastic Man made that his busy week end!
A Marble River Scan

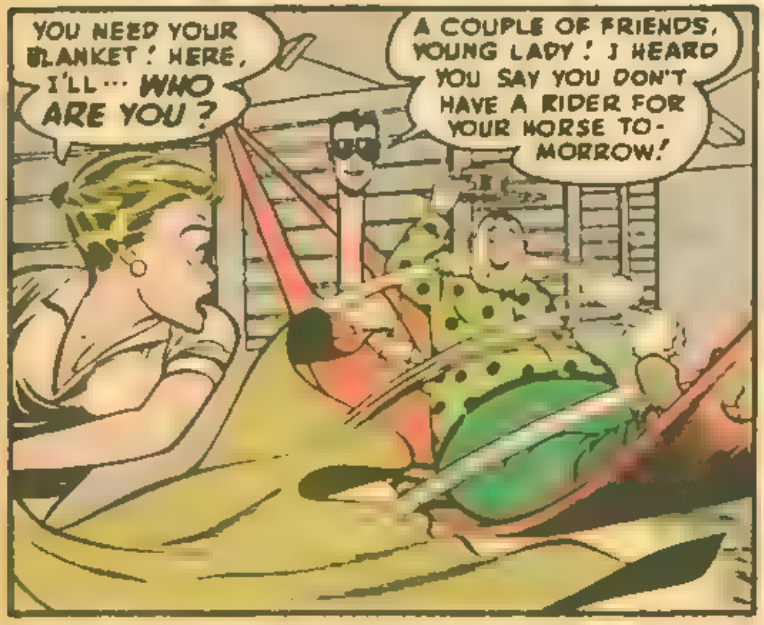

HURRY, WOOZY! WE'RE GOING TO LUXURY SPRINGS --- JUST GOT A HOT TIP THAT THE NITRO NOONAN GANG CHECKED IN THERE!
WOULDN'T IT BE LESS DYNAMIC TO GO BY BUZZ BOMB?
At Luxury Springs...
ANY EVIDENCE OF CRIME HERE? ROBBERIES --- SAFE-BLOWINGS --- BLACKMAIL -- VIOLENCE?
AT THIS EXCLUSIVE VACATION PARADISE? NOT FOR A MOMENT, SIR! THE SEASON IS LIVELY, BUT LAW-ABIDING!
THERE THEY ARE. NITRO AND HIS PALS, FINGERS AND SLUGGER! BUT LOOK WHAT THEY'RE DOING!
ACTING KIND, HELPFUL, FRIENDLY --- I DON'T GET IT!
A NICE HEALTHY REST AT A SLICK JOINT --- I FEEL BETTER ALREADY!
YEAH! US CROOKS NEEDS TA GIT AWAY FROM THE CARES OF THE WOIKADAY WOILD... FORGET BUSINESS! RELAXIPATE AND TOIN OUR BACKS ON THE GRIND AND LABOR OF CRIME COMMITTMENT!
THEY'RE ON VACATION FROM THEIR CRIME CAREERS... LOAFING, NOT LAW-BREAKING! RELAXING, NOT RACKETEERING!
AND SO OUR TRIP IS WASTED! WITHOUT CRIMES, WE CAN'T ARREST 'EM!
BUT THEY MAY RECOVER THEIR PROFESSIONAL ENTHUSIASM AT ANY MOMENT! IF ONLY...
LEAVE IT TO ME, PLAS! I'VE JUST SCUM A SCHEME ...BRILLIANT!
HERE COMES FINGERS... UNDEFEATED CHAMPION OF PICKPOCKETS! I'LL TWITCH MY WALLET INTO VIEW! HE WOULDN'T KNOW THERE'S NOTHING IN IT BUT THOSE BOX-TOPS I FORGOT TO SEND IN FOR MY JUNIOR MOUNTED POLICE BADGE!

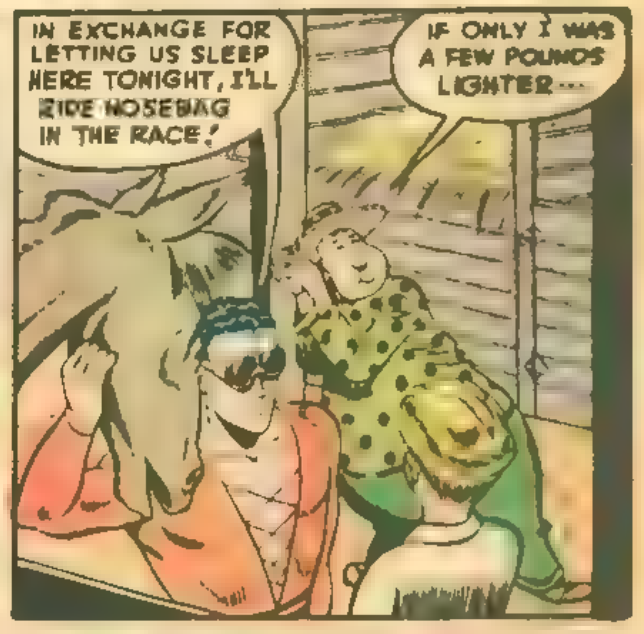
'SCUSE ME, MISTER!
EVERY FIBER IN HIS SOUL WILL PROTEST AGAINST LETTING THIS OPPORTUNITY PASS BY!
SUCCESS! HE FRISKED ME!
NONE O' THAT, FINGERS! DON'T INTERDUCE NO SORDID BIZNESS NOTE INTO THIS PLEASANT WEEK-END! G'WAN, GIVE IT BACK TO THE GUY!
GEE, NITRO, I FORGOT! JEST GOES TO SHOW YA HOW HARD I BEEN WOIKIN'... DON'T KNOW HOW TO RELAX!
HURRY, MR. HOUSE DETECTIVE! THAT BRUTAL PERSON THERE ··· HE PICKED MY POCKET OF MY WALLET ··· A VERITABLE FORTUNE!
OH, SIR ··· PARDON ME, I'M SURE, BUT ···
..WHEN WE COLLIDED, THIS JOLTED OUT OF YOUR POCKET! NO·· NO REWARD! I'M DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO RESTORE YOUR PROPERTY!
BUT·· BUT···
IT'S A PLEASURE, SIR, TO HAVE MEN OF YOUR HIGH AND HONORABLE CHARACTER AT THIS HOTEL!
THE DIRTY DOUBLE-CROSSER! HE'S HONEST, AFTER ALL!
Back in the city, with Plastic Man away ····
THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! ROBBED ON THE PUBLIC STREETS!
AH, SHADDUP! WE AIN'T GOT TIME TO CHAT! WE GOT SIX MORE HOLDUPS SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT!

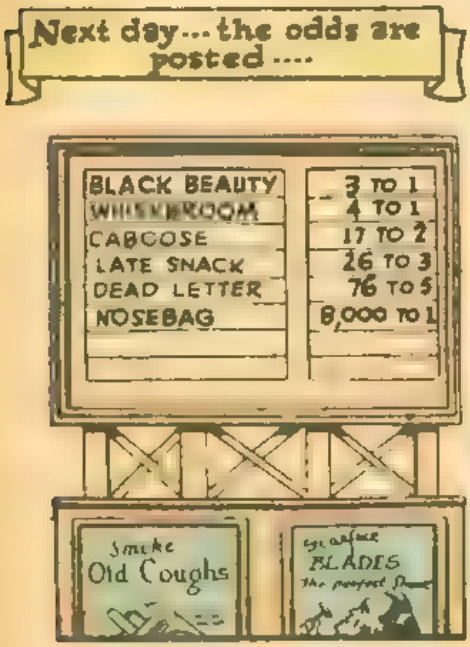
And the evening papers arrive at Luxury Springs...
LOOK, WOOZY...THE HEADLINES! A CRIME WAVE BACK HOME!
WHILE NITRO AND HIS PALS NEGLECT THEIR PROFESSION HERE, THEIR COMPETITORS ARE ROBBING THE BIG TOWN BLIND!
THIS STRING OF HOLDUPS HAS THE MISTAKELESS TOUCH OF THE PISTOL PACKER MOB! WHILE WE'RE LOAFING, THEY DARE TO QUIT PURSE-SNATCHIN' AND TRY TO MAKE OFF LIKE OUR TYPE CROOK!
HEY, NITRO! THE DAME NEXT DOOR LEFT HER ROOM UNLOCKED! I FOUND THIS STRING O' ICE CUBES ON HER BUREAU!
SLUGGER, YA SORDID DRUDGE! I SAID WE WERE ON VACATION .... AND VACATION AIN'T NO TIME TO KNOCK OURSELFS OUT WOIKIN'!
GEE, NITRO, ME APOLOGISTICS! I'LL TRY TO REMEMBER!
PLEASE, MRS. VAN BUXOM! WE'LL MAKE A SEARCH AT ONCE!
THEN DO IT! QUICK! AT ONCE! THAT STOLEN NECKLACE WAS WORTH A FORTUNE...TWO FORTUNES!
PARDON ME, DEAR LADY! WHEN I COME OUT OF ME ROOM JUST NOW, I TRIPPED OVER A TOINED-UP RUG--- AND THESE GEWGAWS WAS HID UNDERNEATH! SOME WICKED GUY HID 'EM THERE, NO DOUBT!
THE ONLY SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS ARE THOSE TWO! YESTERDAY ONE OF THEM CAME UP WITH A RIDICULOUS FALSE ACCUSATION!
WE CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING AGAINST YOU --- BUT WE HAVE OUR HUNCHES! YOU'RE OUSTED FROM THIS HOTEL! GET GOING!
OKAY, WOOZY! LET'S LEAVE QUIETLY!
THE ONLY PROBLEM JUST NOW IS TO FIND A PLACE TO SLEEP TONIGHT!
LOOK--THE STABLES NEAR THE RACE TRACK! WHERE THERE'S HORSES, THERE'S HAY! LET'S BUNK THERE!

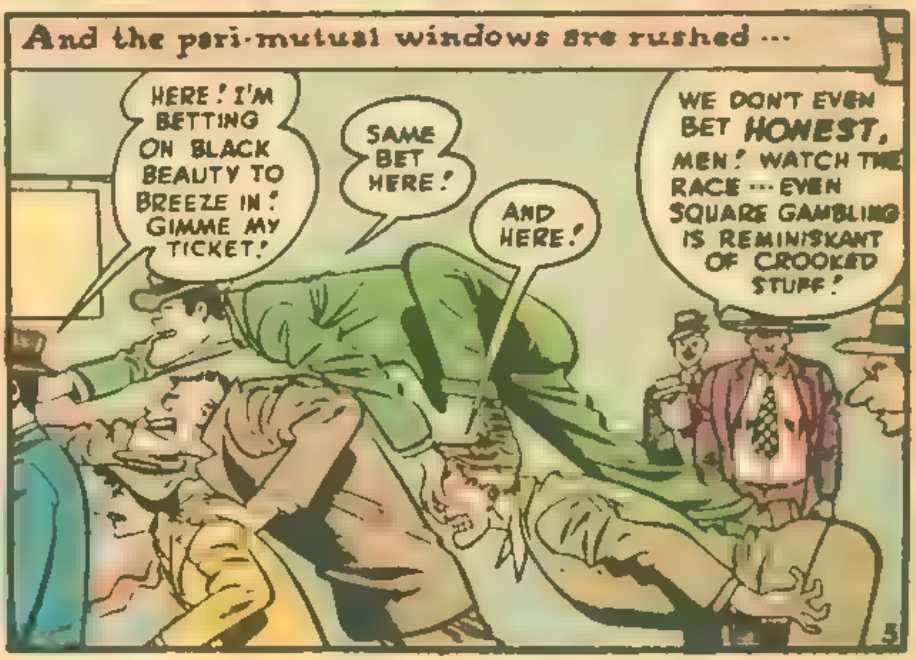

THIS ISN'T THE HOTEL, BUT I'M READY TO CORK OFF'
QUIET, WOOZY' COVER UP ··· I SEE SOMEBODY COMING'


POOR OLD NOSEBAG! I'M AFRAID YOU'RE OUT OF THE RACE TOMORROW ··· YOUR JOCKEY'S DOWN WITH HOECAKE POISONING ' THERE GOES OUR LAST CHANCE TO WIN THE STAKES AND PAY OFF THE MORTGAGE'

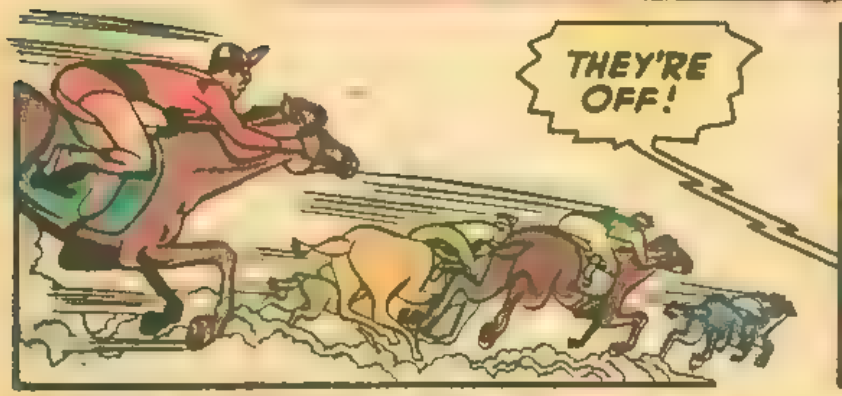

YOU NEED YOUR BLANKET! HERE, I'LL ··· WHO ARE YOU?
A COUPLE OF FRIENDS, YOUNG LADY! I HEARD YOU SAY YOU DON'T HAVE A RIDER FOR YOUR HORSE TOMORROW!

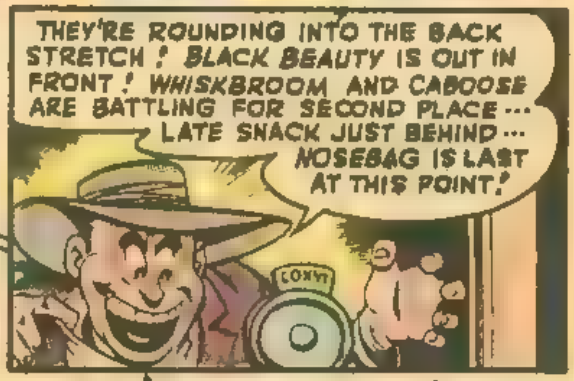

IN EXCHANGE FOR LETTING US SLEEP HERE TONIGHT, I'LL RIDE NOSEBAG IN THE RACE!
IF ONLY I WAS A FEW POUNDS LIGHTER ···


Next day ··· the odds are posted ····
BLACK BEAUTY 3 TO 1
WHISKEROOM 4 TO 1
CABOOSE 17 TO 2
LATE SNACK 26 TO 3
DEAD LETTER 76 TO 5
NOSEBAG 8,000 TO 1
Smoke Old Coughs
BLADES

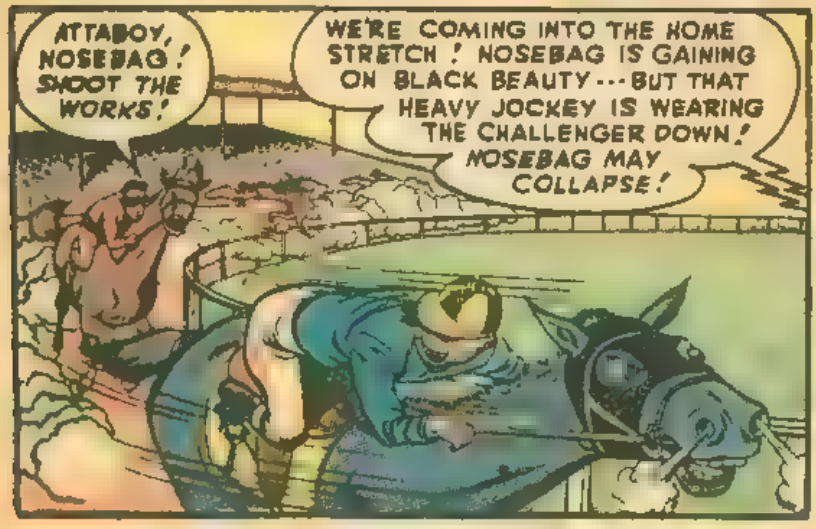

And the pari-mutual windows are rushed ···
HERE! I'M BETTING ON BLACK BEAUTY TO BREEZE IN! GIMME MY TICKET!
SAME BET HERE!
AND HERE!
WE DON'T EVEN BET HONEST, MEN! WATCH THE RACE ··· EVEN SQUARE GAMBLING IS REMINISKANT OF CROOKED STUFF!

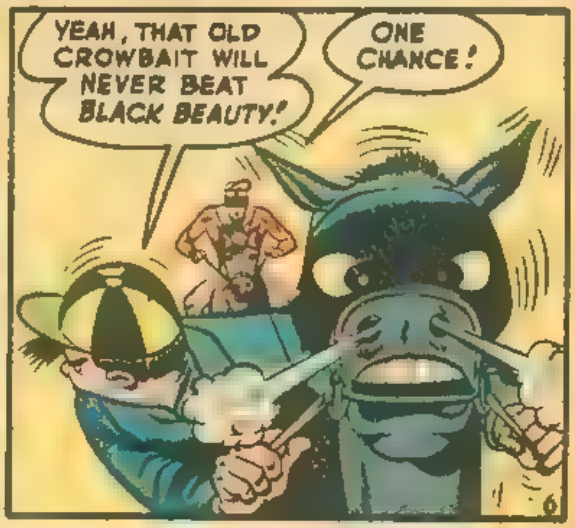
Post time for the annual running of the Luxury Springs Stakes!

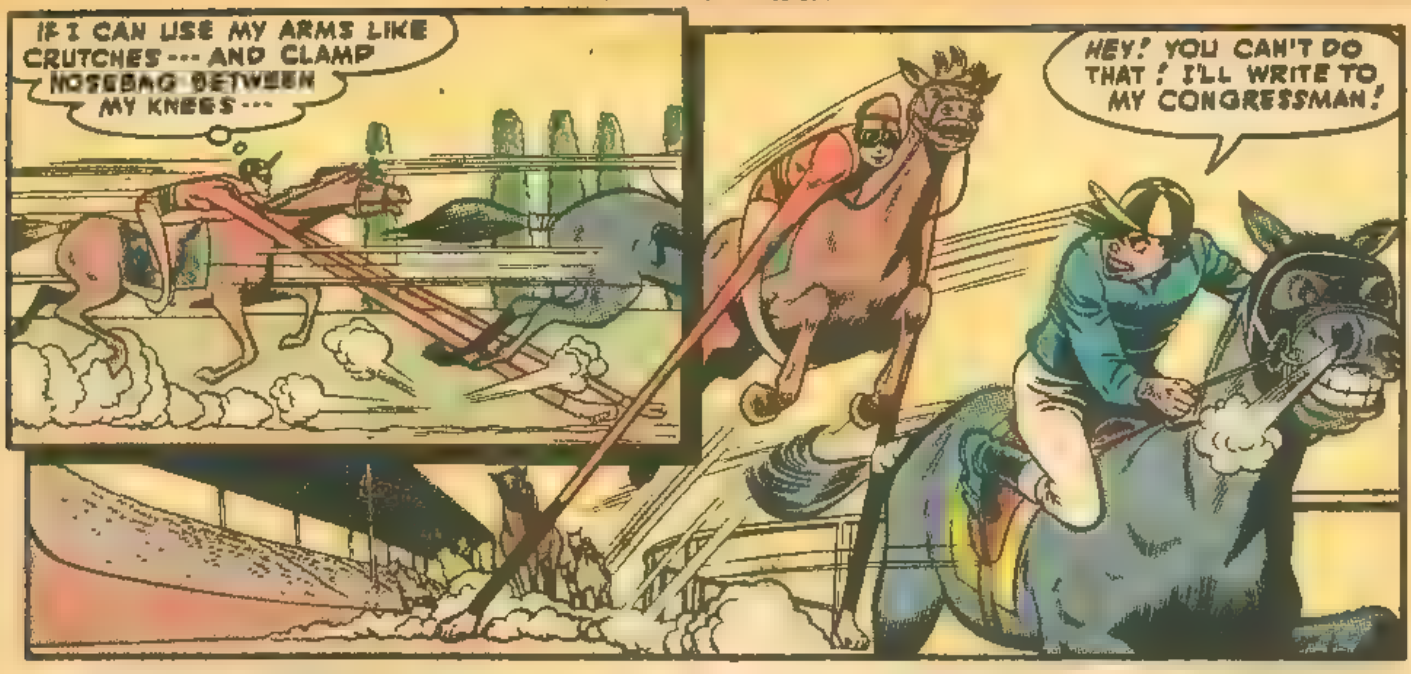


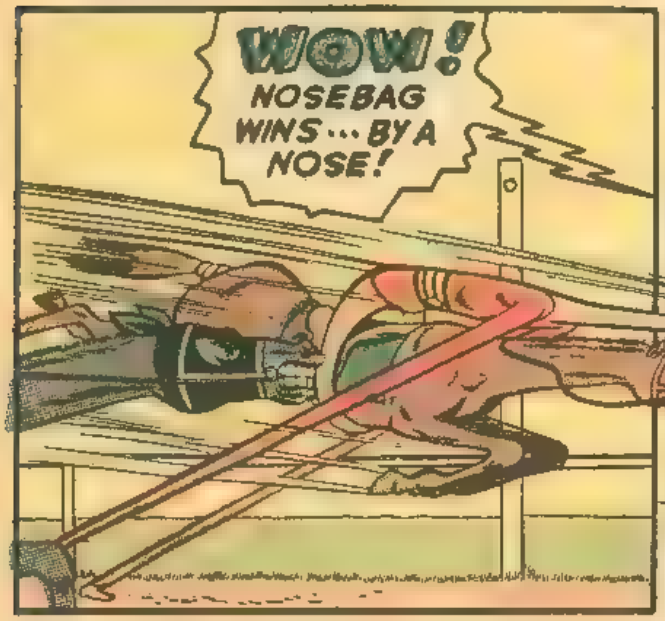

THEY'RE ROUNDING INTO THE BACK STRETCH! BLACK BEAUTY IS OUT IN FRONT! WHISKBROOM AND CABOOSE ARE BATTLING FOR SECOND PLACE... LATE SNACK JUST BEHIND... NOSEBAG IS LAST AT THIS POINT!

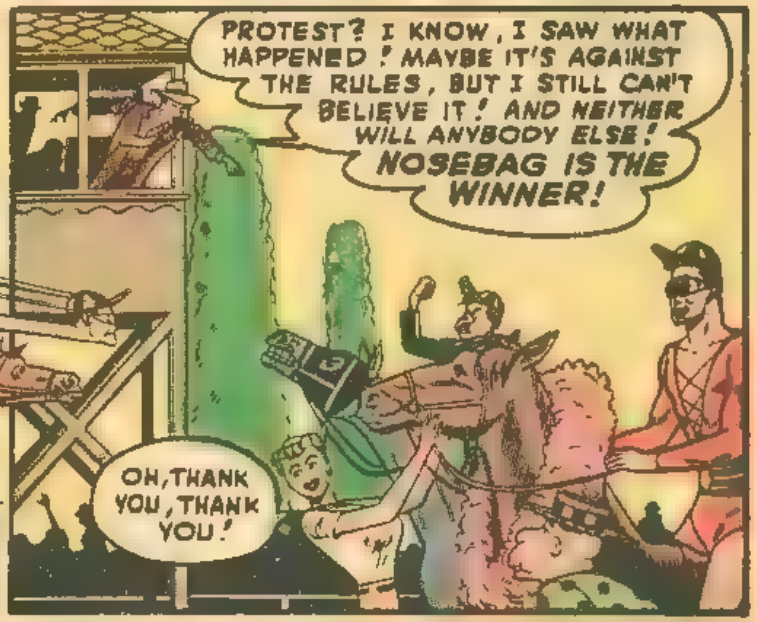
FASTER, NOSEBAG! FASTER! YOU MUST WIN FOR YOUR LOVELY MISTRESS... HER HAPPINESS DEPENDS ON YOU!
A SURPRISE! SOMETHING SEEMS TO HAVE INSPIRED NOSEBAG... HE FLASHES PAST ONE HORSE... ANOTHER.. ANOTHER...

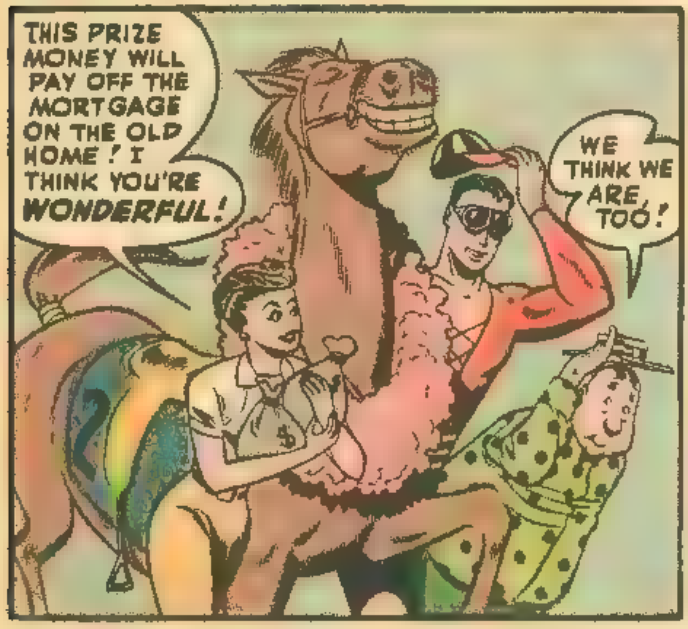

ATTABOY, NOSEBAG! SHOOT THE WORKS!
WE'RE COMING INTO THE HOME STRETCH! NOSEBAG IS GAINING ON BLACK BEAUTY... BUT THAT HEAVY JOCKEY IS WEARING THE CHALLENGER DOWN! NOSEBAG MAY COLLAPSE!

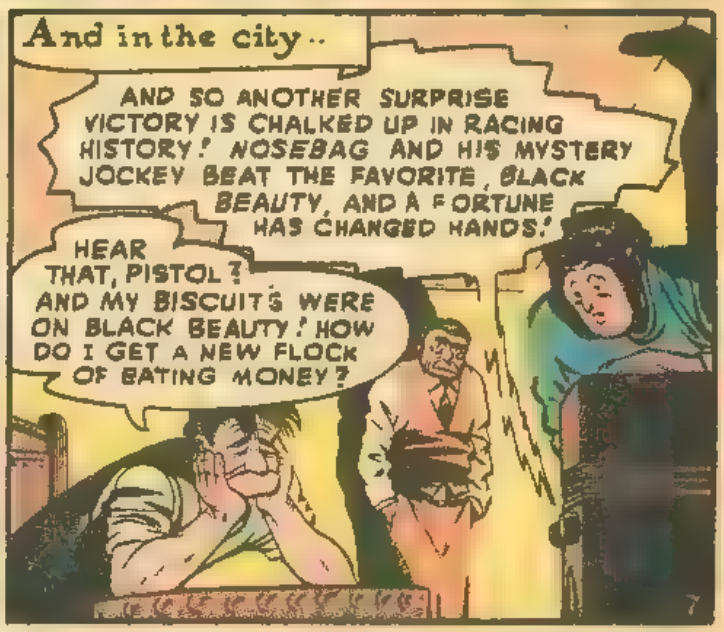


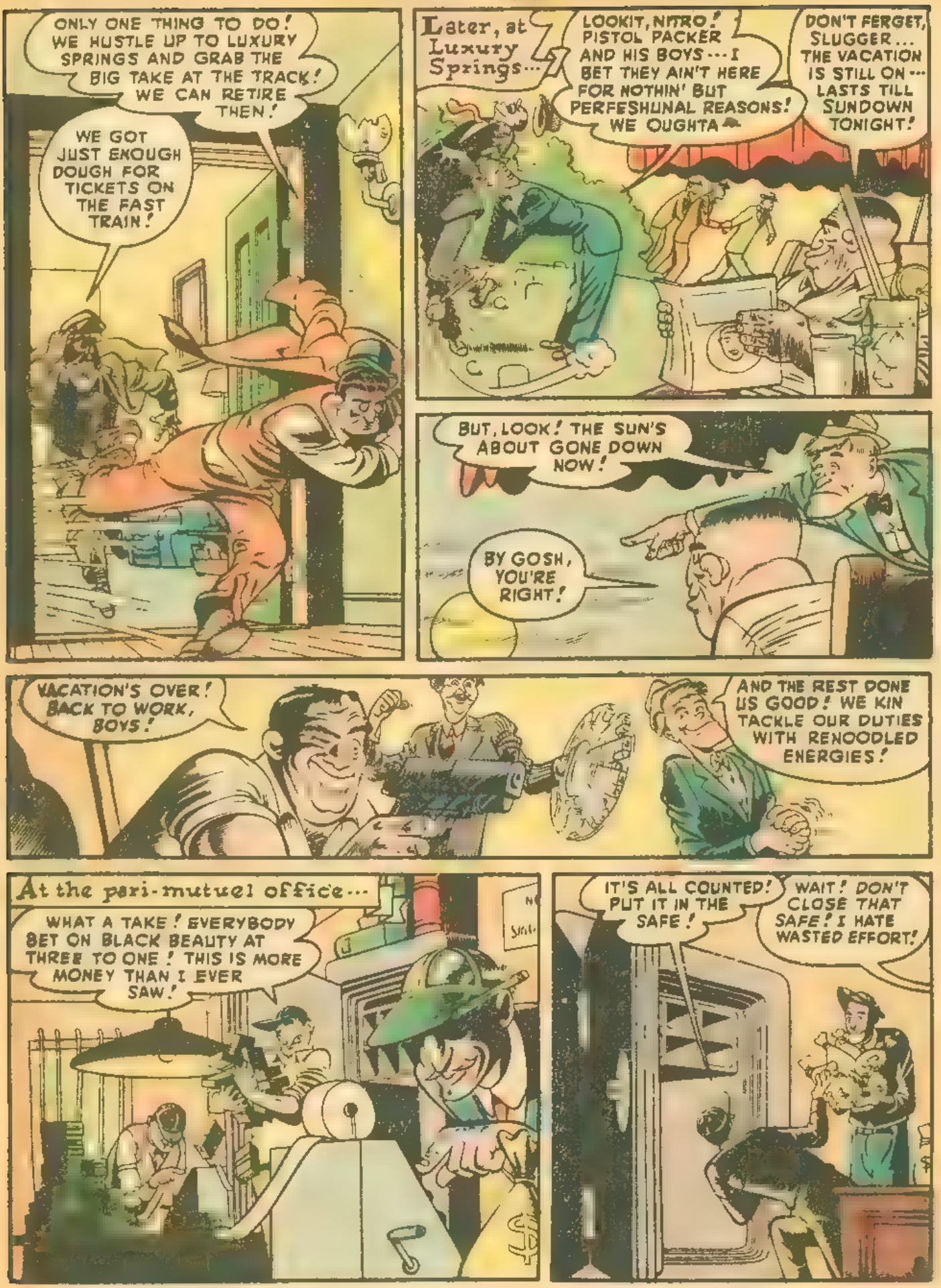

IF I CAN USE MY ARMS LIKE CRUTCHES --- AND CLAMP NOSEBAG BETWEEN MY KNEES ---
HEY! YOU CAN'T DO THAT! I'LL WRITE TO MY CONGRESSMAN!


WOW! NOSEBAG WINS ... BY A NOSE!

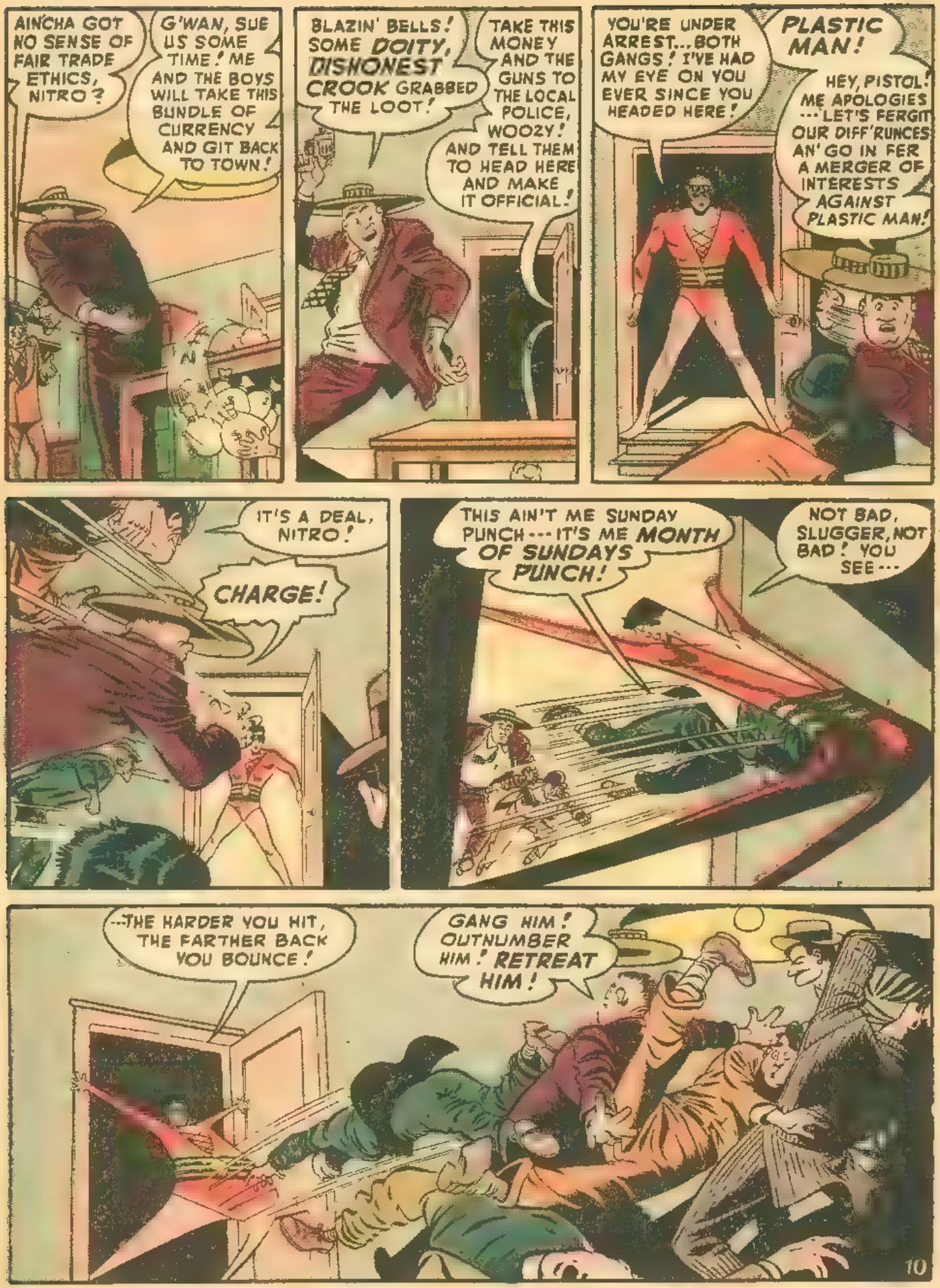

PROTEST? I KNOW, I SAW WHAT HAPPENED! MAYBE IT'S AGAINST THE RULES, BUT I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT! AND NEITHER WILL ANYBODY ELSE! NOSEBAG IS THE WINNER!
OH, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

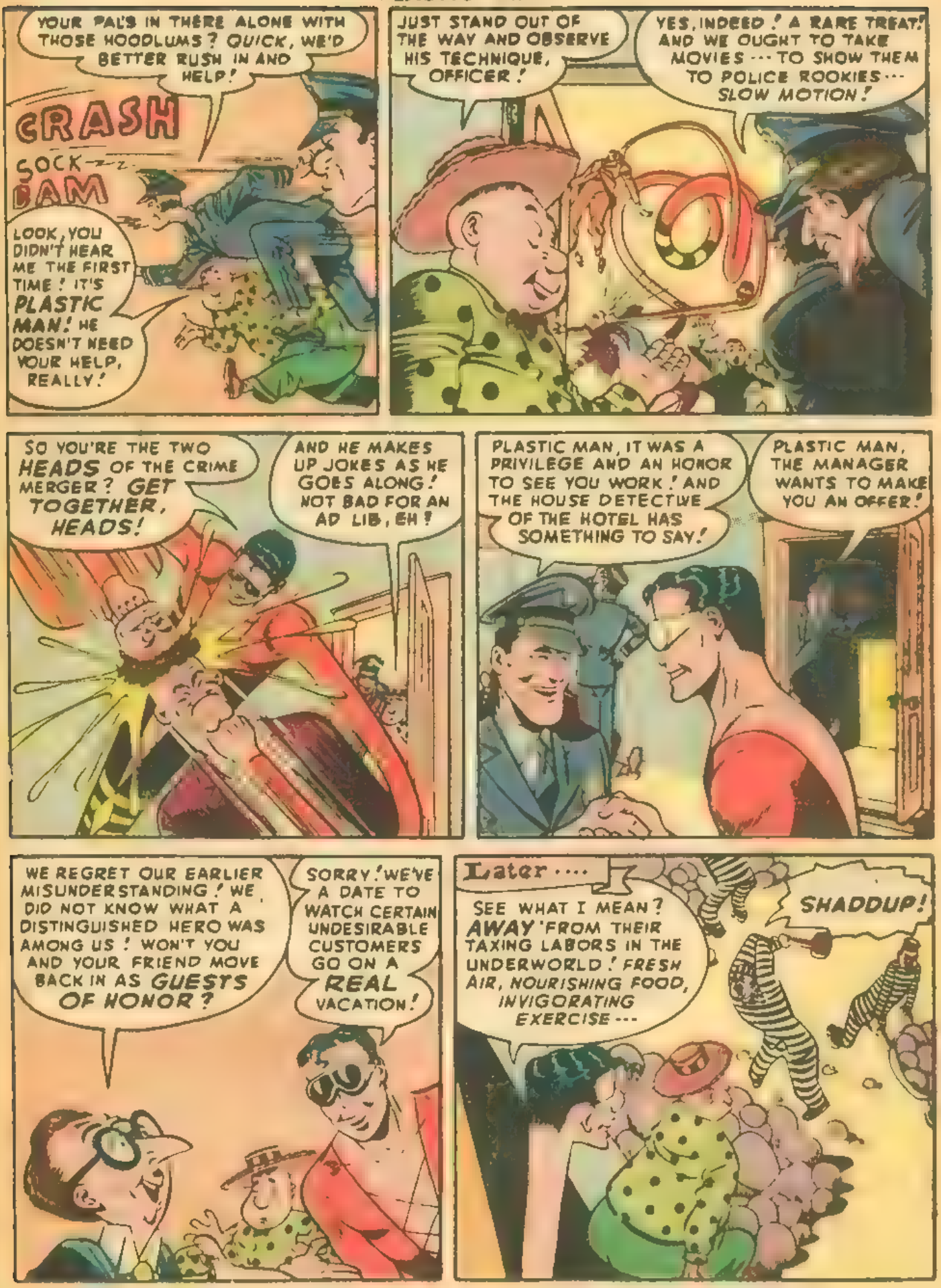

THIS PRIZE MONEY WILL PAY OFF THE MORTGAGE ON THE OLD HOME! I THINK YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
WE THINK WE ARE, TOO!

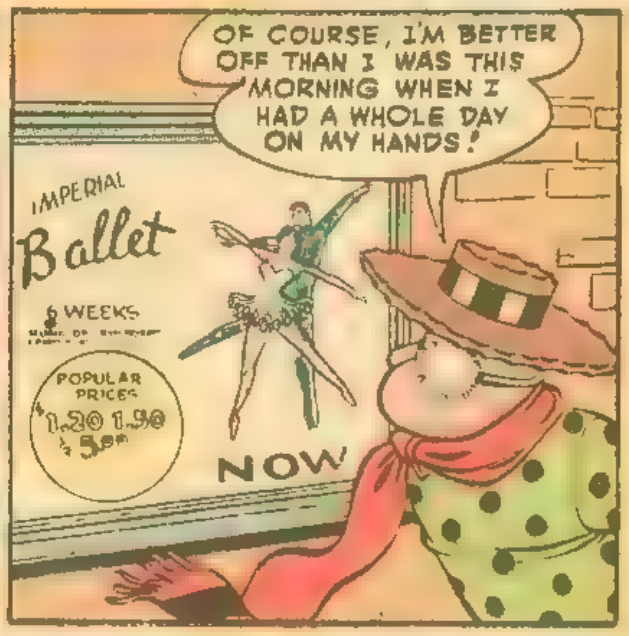

And in the city..
AND SO ANOTHER SURPRISE VICTORY IS CHALKED UP IN RACING HISTORY! NOSEBAG AND HIS MYSTERY JOCKEY BEAT THE FAVORITE, BLACK BEAUTY, AND A FORTUNE HAS CHANGED HANDS!
HEAR THAT, PISTOL? AND MY BISCUITS WERE ON BLACK BEAUTY! HOW DO I GET A NEW FLOCK OF EATING MONEY?


ONLY ONE THING TO DO! WE HUSTLE UP TO LUXURY SPRINGS AND GRAB THE BIG TAKE AT THE TRACK! WE CAN RETIRE THEN!
WE GOT JUST ENOUGH DOUGH FOR TICKETS ON THE FAST TRAIN!
Later, at Luxury Springs...
LOOKIT, NITRO! PISTOL PACKER AND HIS BOYS --- I BET THEY AIN'T HERE FOR NOTHIN' BUT PERFESHUNAL REASONS! WE OUGHTA
DON'T FERGET, SLUGGER... THE VACATION IS STILL ON --- LASTS TILL SUNDOWN TONIGHT!
BUT, LOOK! THE SUN'S ABOUT GONE DOWN NOW!
BY GOSH, YOU'RE RIGHT!
VACATION'S OVER! BACK TO WORK, BOYS!
AND THE REST DONE US GOOD! WE KIN TACKLE OUR DUTIES WITH RENOODLED ENERGIES!
At the pari-mutuel office...
WHAT A TAKE! EVERYBODY BET ON BLACK BEAUTY AT THREE TO ONE! THIS IS MORE MONEY THAN I EVER SAW!
IT'S ALL COUNTED! PUT IT IN THE SAFE!
WAIT! DON'T CLOSE THAT SAFE! I HATE WASTED EFFORT!

GET OUT OF HERE... OWWW!
QUIET DOWN, YOU! DON'T YOU KNOW A HOLDUP WHEN YOU SEE ONE?
HERE'S THE LAST OF IT! WE TAKE THE DOUGH FROM THESE GOOKS...
AND WE TAKE IT FROM YOU!
HEY! UNFAIR COMPETITION! WE'RE HOLDING UP THESE CITIZENS!
AND WE'RE HIJACKIN' YOU!
I'LL SHOOT... YIKE!
OBSERVE, FINGERS! THE REST AND PEACE I SOAKED UP DURING OUR HOLIDAY REALLY GIMME NEW ENERGY FER SLUGGIN'!
IT'S NITRO AND HIS NUISANCES! BUT I'M GONNA SMOKE 'EM UP!
NOT WHEN I'M HERE FIRST! I'VE BEEN DYIN' TO GET BACK TO ME CHOSEN CAREER OF PICKIN' POCKETS!
NOW'S ME TOIN'! AND TAKE DIS HEATER, TOO, FINGERS!
I'LL KEEP 'EM SAFE!


AINCHA GOT NO SENSE OF FAIR TRADE ETHICS, NITRO?
G'WAN, SUE US SOME TIME! ME AND THE BOYS WILL TAKE THIS BUNDLE OF CURRENCY AND GIT BACK TO TOWN!
BLAZIN' BELLS! SOME DOITY, DISHONEST CROOK GRABBED THE LOOT!
TAKE THIS MONEY AND THE GUNS TO THE LOCAL POLICE, WOOZY! AND TELL THEM TO HEAD HERE AND MAKE IT OFFICIAL!
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST... BOTH GANGS! I'VE HAD MY EYE ON YOU EVER SINCE YOU HEADED HERE!
PLASTIC MAN!
HEY, PISTOL! ME APOLOGIES ---LET'S FERGIT OUR DIFF'RUNCES AN' GO IN FER A MERGER OF INTERESTS AGAINST PLASTIC MAN!
IT'S A DEAL, NITRO!
CHARGE!
THIS AIN'T ME SUNDAY PUNCH --- IT'S ME MONTH OF SUNDAYS PUNCH!
NOT BAD, SLUGGER, NOT BAD! YOU SEE ---
---THE HARDER YOU HIT, THE FARTHER BACK YOU BOUNCE!
GANG HIM! OUTNUMBER HIM! RETREAT HIM!


YOUR PAL'S IN THERE ALONE WITH THOSE HOODLUMS? QUICK, WE'D BETTER RUSH IN AND HELP!
CRASH
SOCK-ZZ-
BAM
LOOK, YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME THE FIRST TIME! IT'S PLASTIC MAN! HE DOESN'T NEED YOUR HELP, REALLY!
JUST STAND OUT OF THE WAY AND OBSERVE HIS TECHNIQUE, OFFICER!
YES, INDEED! A RARE TREAT! AND WE OUGHT TO TAKE MOVIES --- TO SHOW THEM TO POLICE ROOKIES --- SLOW MOTION!
SO YOU'RE THE TWO HEADS OF THE CRIME MERGER? GET TOGETHER, HEADS!
AND HE MAKES UP JOKES AS HE GOES ALONG! NOT BAD FOR AN AD LIB, EH?
PLASTIC MAN, IT WAS A PRIVILEGE AND AN HONOR TO SEE YOU WORK! AND THE HOUSE DETECTIVE OF THE HOTEL HAS SOMETHING TO SAY!
PLASTIC MAN, THE MANAGER WANTS TO MAKE YOU AN OFFER!
WE REGRET OUR EARLIER MISUNDERSTANDING! WE DID NOT KNOW WHAT A DISTINGUISHED HERO WAS AMONG US! WON'T YOU AND YOUR FRIEND MOVE BACK IN AS GUESTS OF HONOR?
SORRY! WE'VE A DATE TO WATCH CERTAIN UNDESIRABLE CUSTOMERS GO ON A REAL VACATION!
Later ....
SEE WHAT I MEAN? AWAY FROM THEIR TAXING LABORS IN THE UNDERWORLD! FRESH AIR, NOURISHING FOOD, INVIGORATING EXERCISE ---
SHADDUP!



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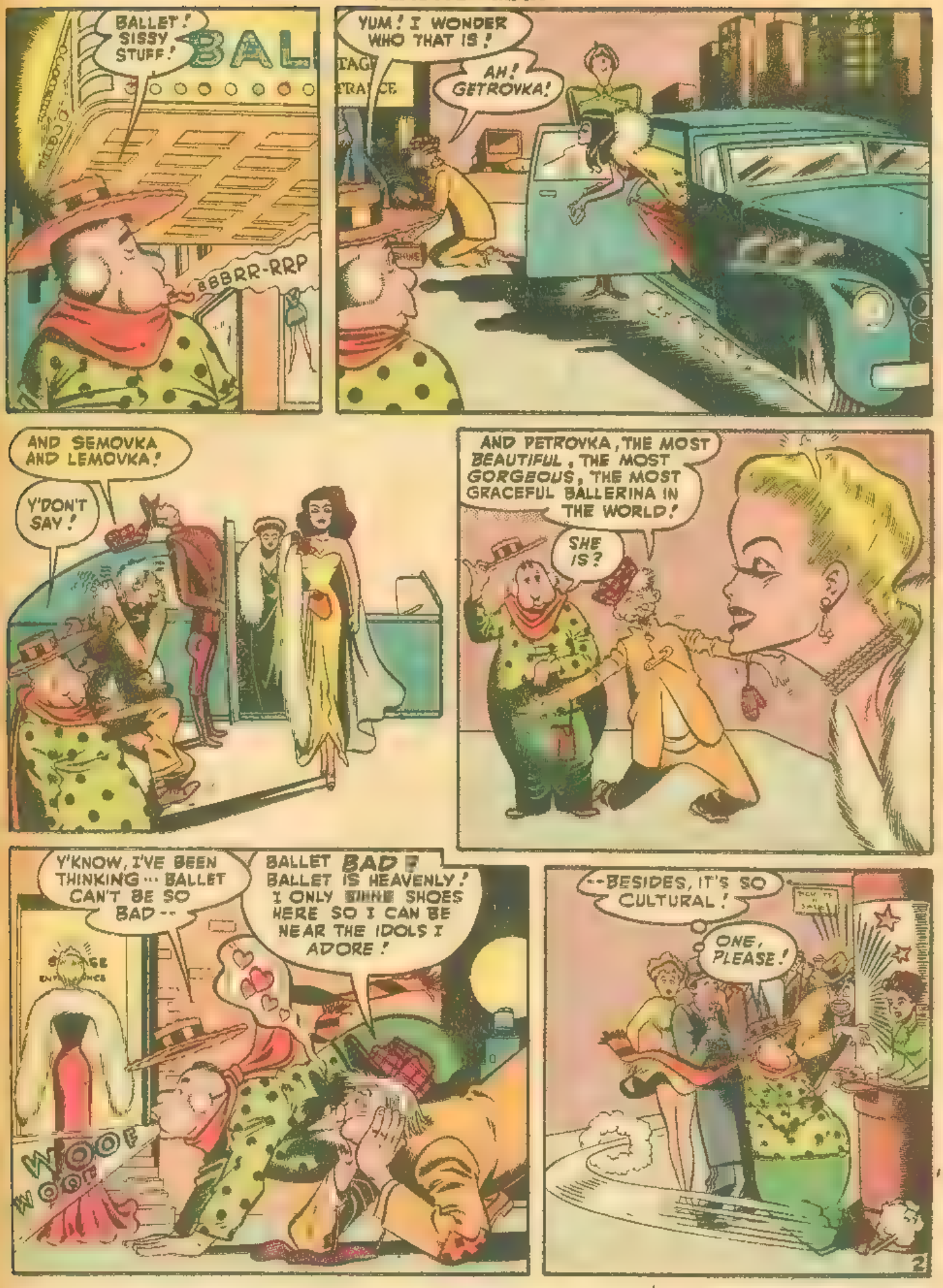
BALLET! SISSY STUFF!
BBRR-RRP
YUM! I WONDER WHO THAT IS!
AH! GETROVKA!
AND SEMOVKA AND LEMOVKA!
Y'DON'T SAY!
AND PETROVKA, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL, THE MOST GORGEOUS, THE MOST GRACEFUL BALLERINA IN THE WORLD!
SHE IS?
Y'KNOW, I'VE BEEN THINKING ... BALLET CAN'T BE SO BAD --
BALLET BAD? BALLET IS HEAVENLY! I ONLY SHINE SHOES HERE SO I CAN BE NEAR THE IDOLS I ADORE!
WOOF WOOF
--BESIDES, IT'S SO CULTURAL!
ONE, PLEASE!
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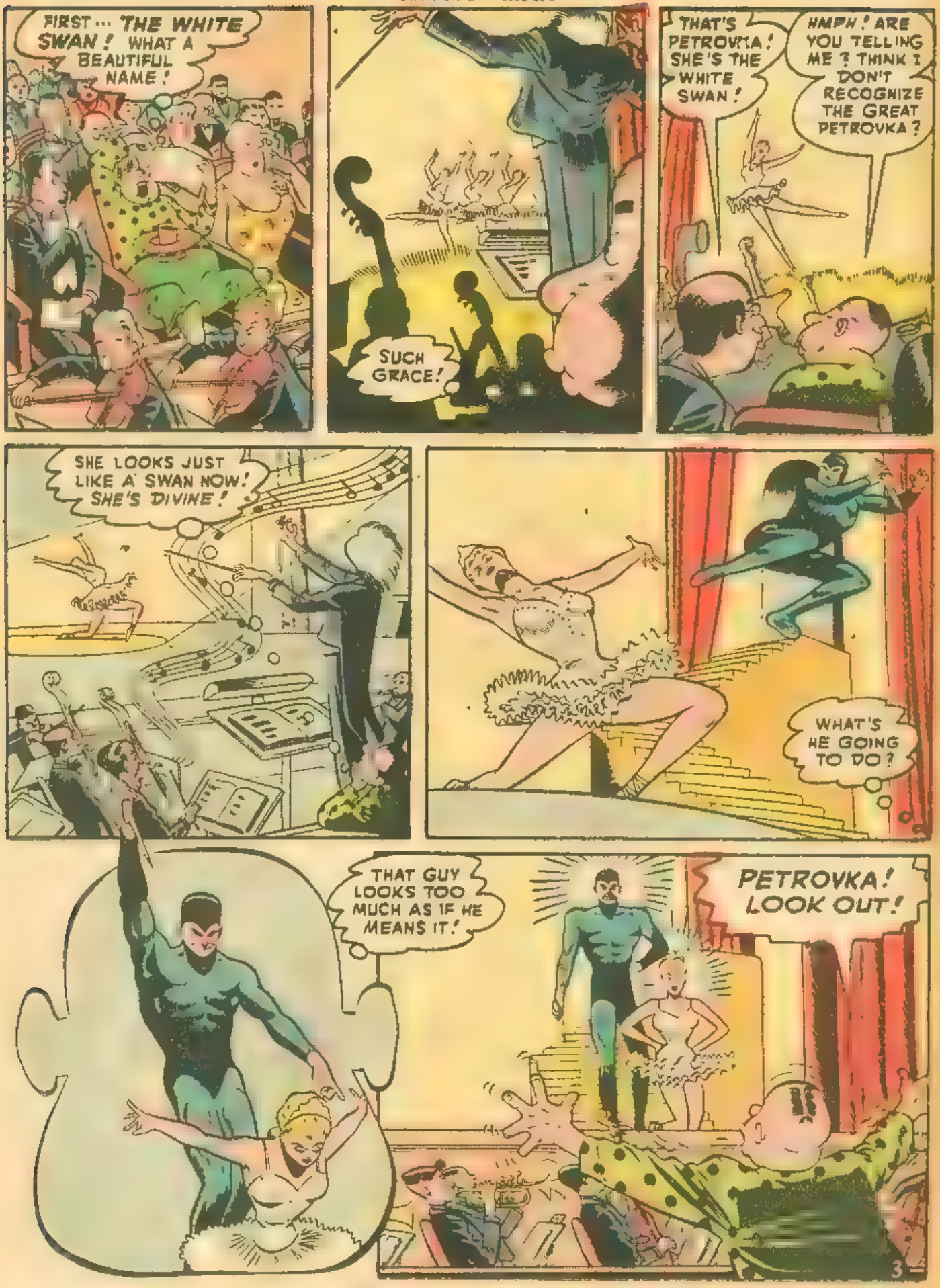
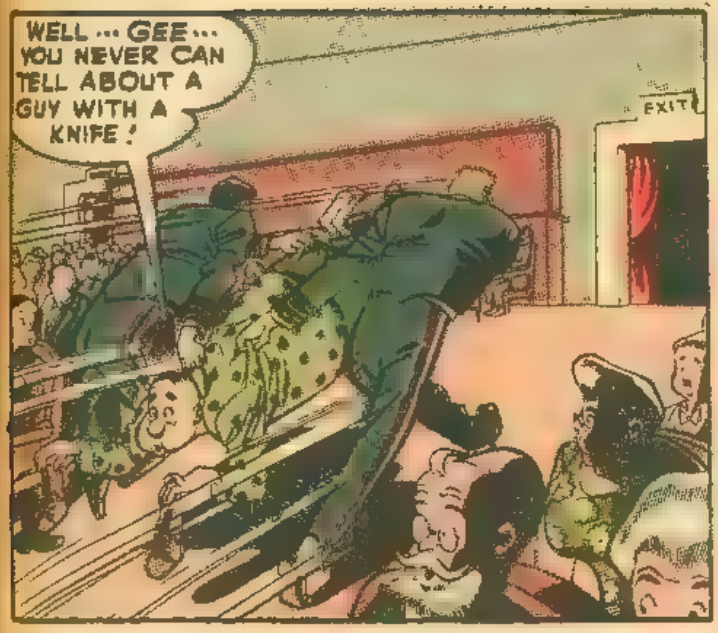
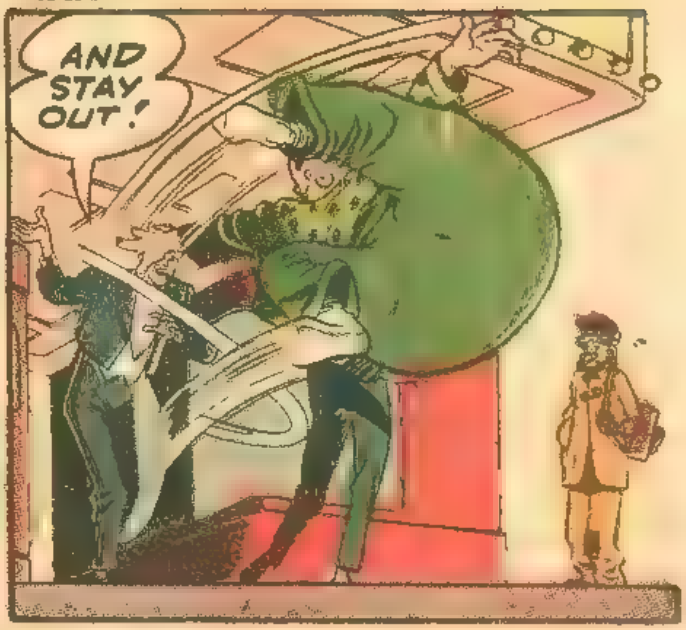
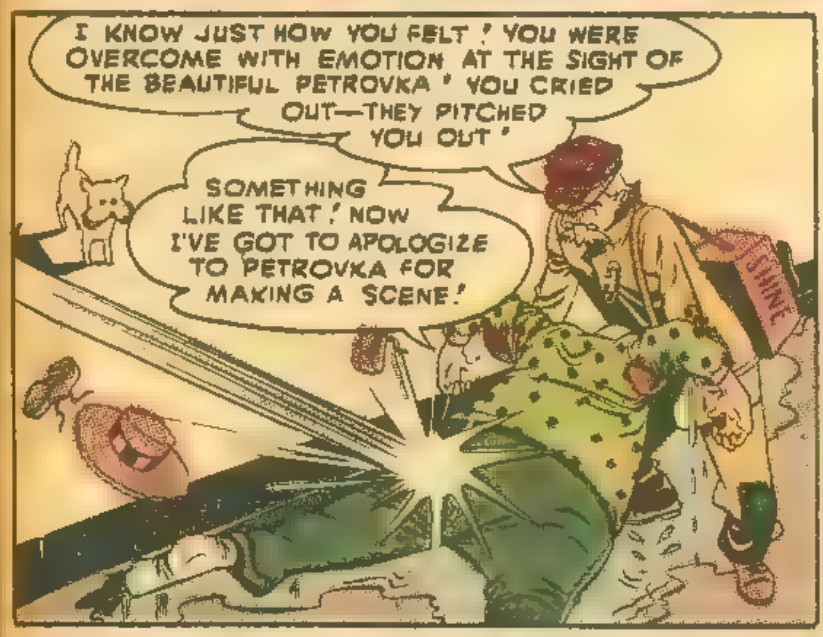
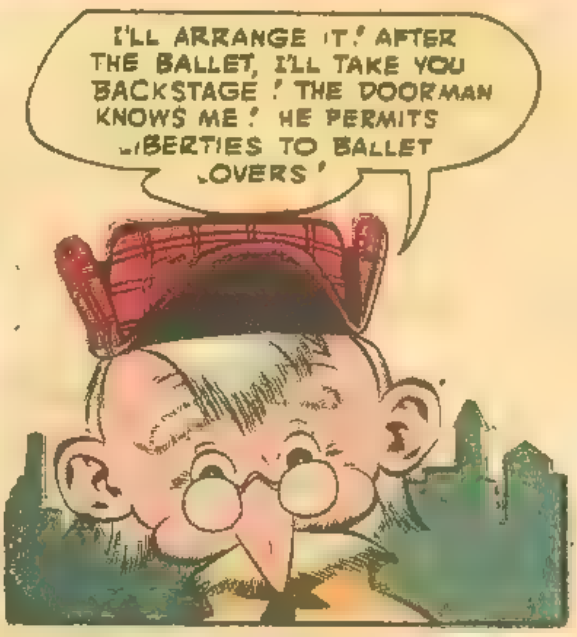
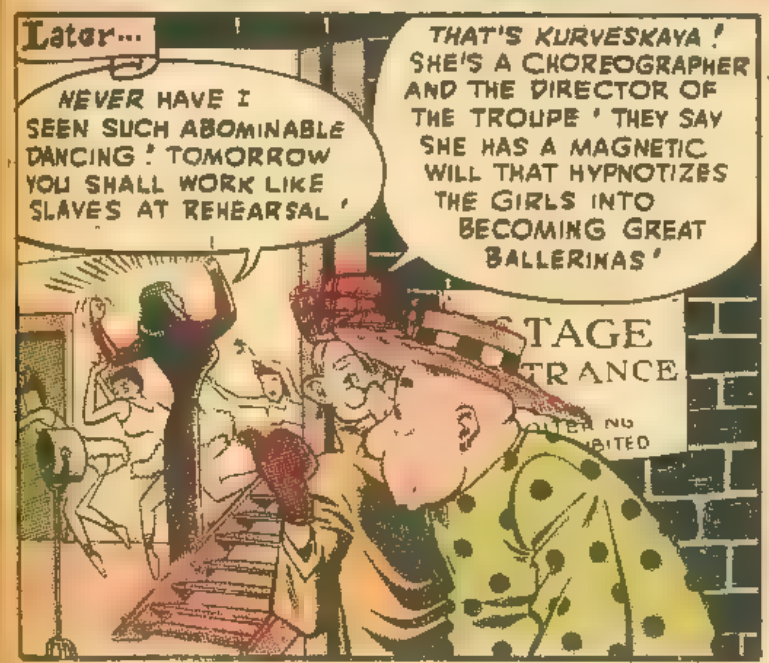

FIRST ... THE WHITE SWAN! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME!
SUCH GRACE!
THAT'S PETROVKA! SHE'S THE WHITE SWAN!
HMPH! ARE YOU TELLING ME? THINK I DON'T RECOGNIZE THE GREAT PETROVKA?
SHE LOOKS JUST LIKE A SWAN NOW! SHE'S DIVINE!
WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO?
THAT GUY LOOKS TOO MUCH AS IF HE MEANS IT!
PETROVKA! LOOK OUT!

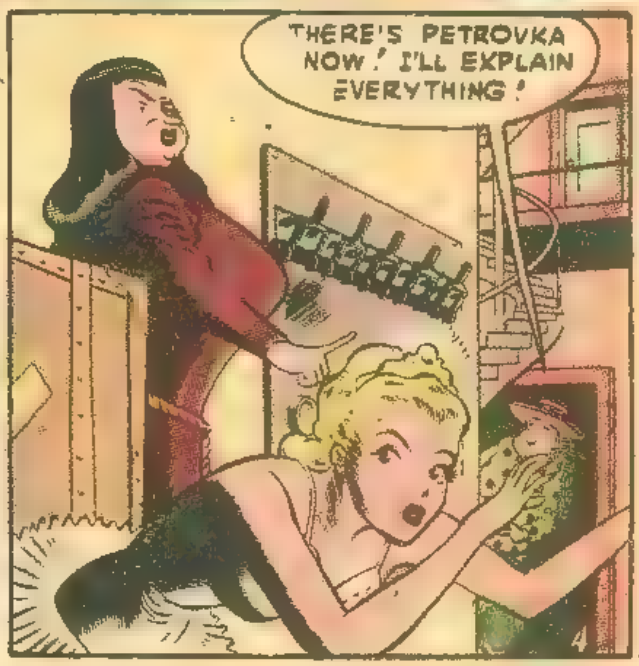

WELL ... GEE ... YOU NEVER CAN TELL ABOUT A GUY WITH A KNIFE!
EXIT


AND STAY OUT!

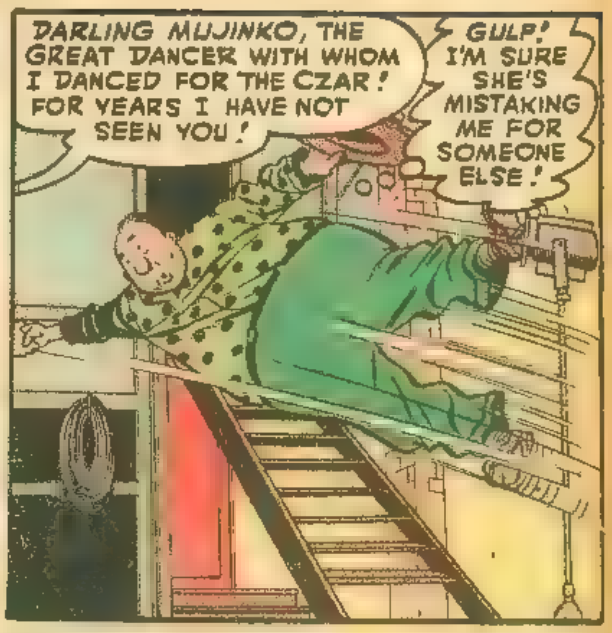

I KNOW JUST HOW YOU FELT! YOU WERE OVERCOME WITH EMOTION AT THE SIGHT OF THE BEAUTIFUL PETROVKA! YOU CRIED OUT—THEY PITCHED YOU OUT!
SOMETHING LIKE THAT! NOW I'VE GOT TO APOLOGIZE TO PETROVKA FOR MAKING A SCENE!
SHRINE


I'LL ARRANGE IT! AFTER THE BALLET, I'LL TAKE YOU BACKSTAGE! THE DOORMAN KNOWS ME! HE PERMITS LIBERTIES TO BALLET LOVERS!

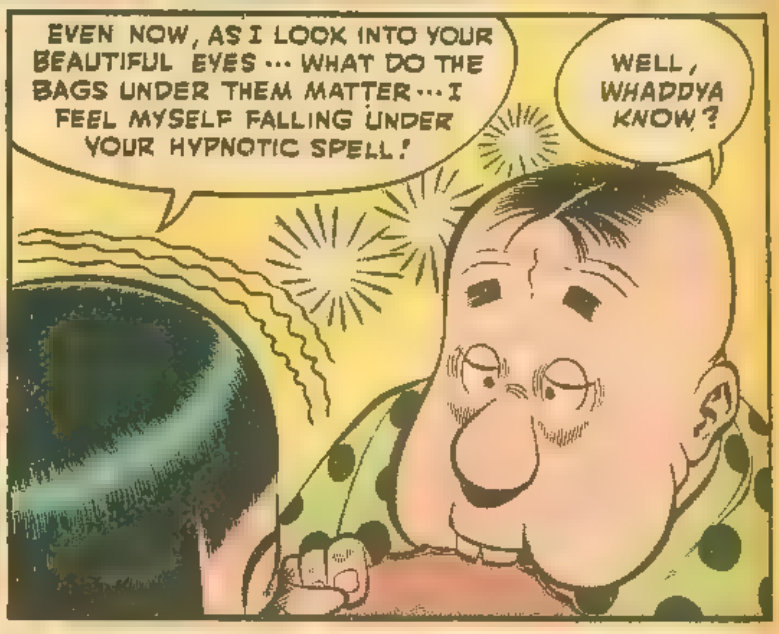

Later...
NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH ABOMINABLE DANCING! TOMORROW YOU SHALL WORK LIKE SLAVES AT REHEARSAL!
THAT'S KURVESKAYA! SHE'S A CHOREOGRAPHER AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE TROUPE! THEY SAY SHE HAS A MAGNETIC WILL THAT HYPNOTIZES THE GIRLS INTO BECOMING GREAT BALLERINAS!
STAGE
TRANCE


THERE'S PETROVKA NOW! I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!

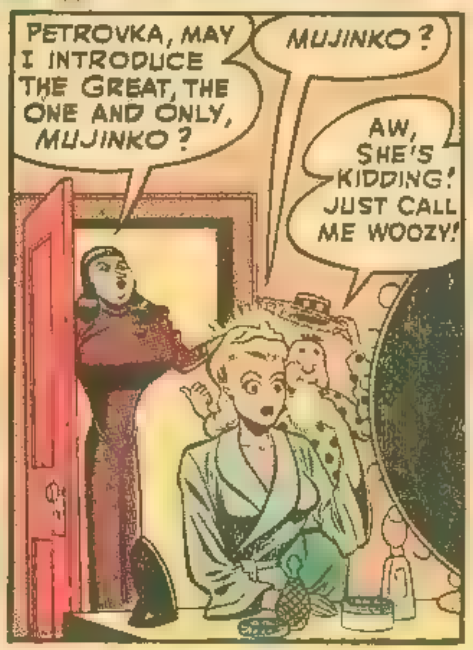
MUJINKO!
EMERGENCY EXIT
WHO? ME?

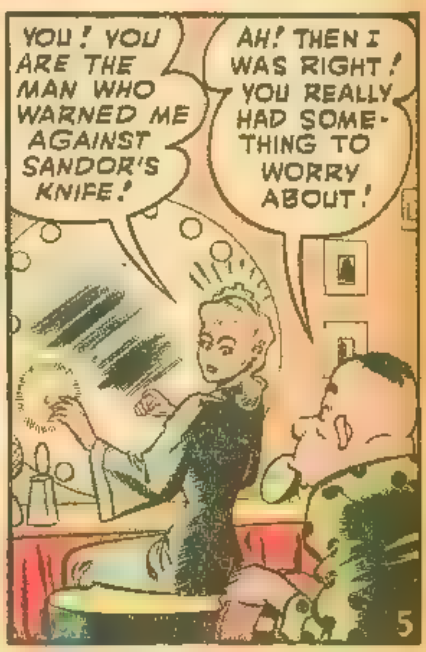

DARLING MUJINKO, THE GREAT DANCER WITH WHOM I DANCED FOR THE CZAR! FOR YEARS I HAVE NOT SEEN YOU!
GULP! I'M SURE SHE'S MISTAKING ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE!

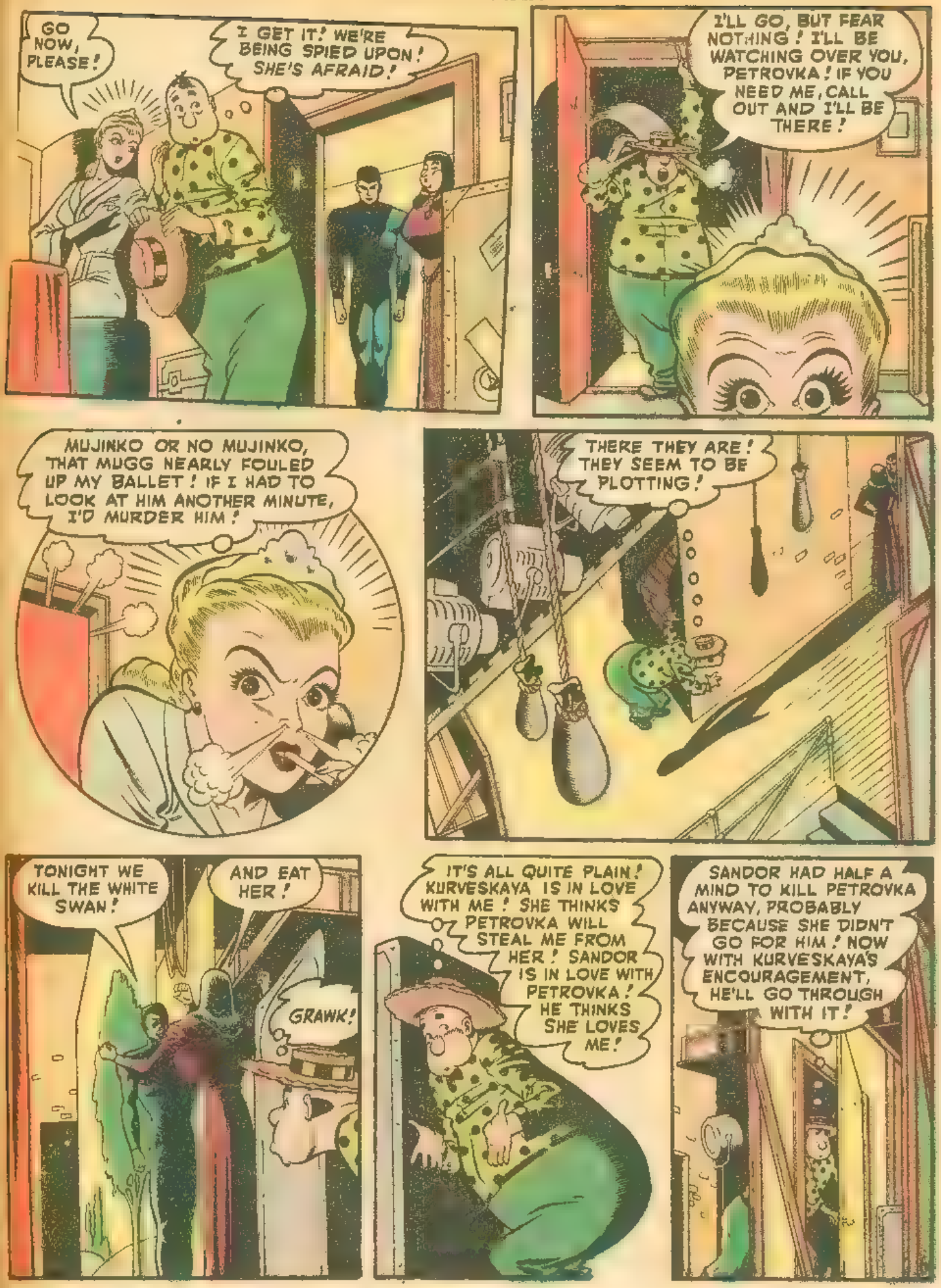
AND AT LAST I SEE YOU AGAIN! YOU LOOK QUITE REPULSIVE NOW, BUT I STILL ADORE YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE THE ONLY MAN WHOSE WILL IS STRONGER THAN MINE!

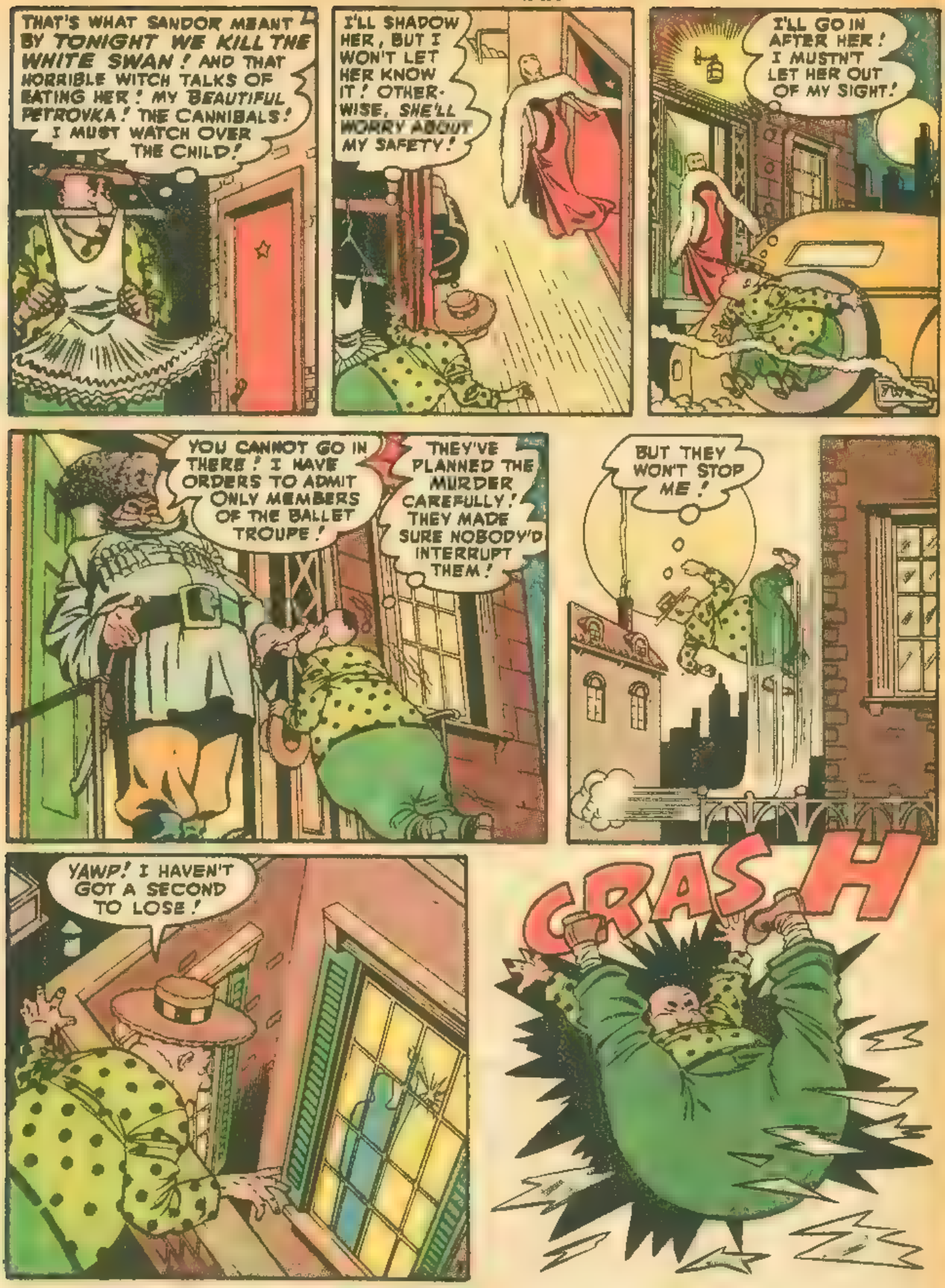

EVEN NOW, AS I LOOK INTO YOUR BEAUTIFUL EYES ··· WHAT DO THE BAGS UNDER THEM MATTER ··· I FEEL MYSELF FALLING UNDER YOUR HYPNOTIC SPELL!
WELL, WHADDYA KNOW?

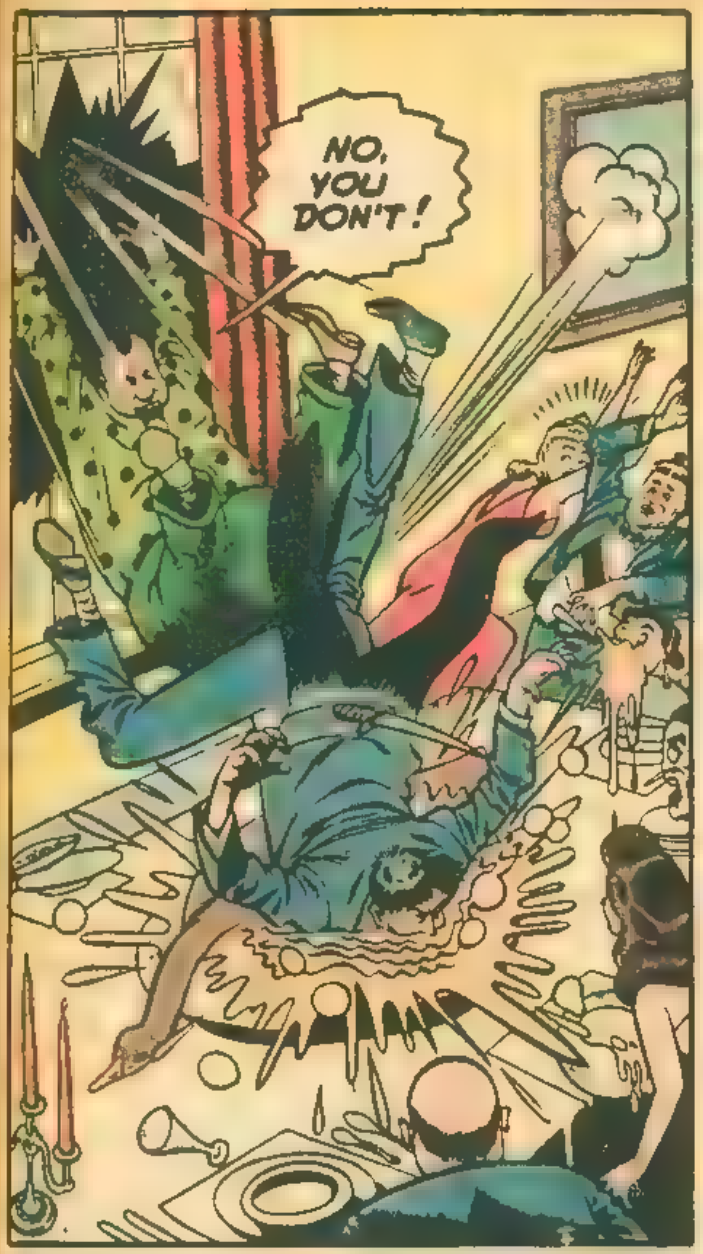
COMMAND ME! WHATEVER YOU WISH, THAT I WILL DO!
NOW, ISN'T THAT NICE? GIMME AN INTRODUCTION TO PETROVKA!
STAGE

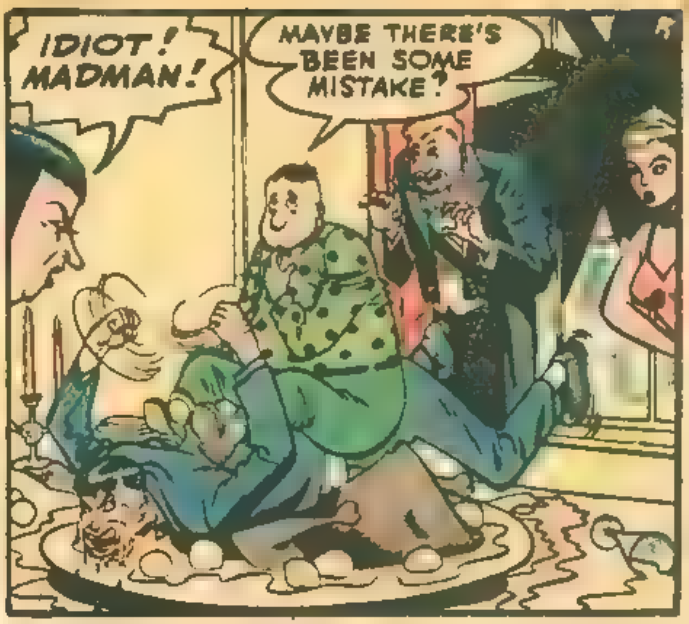

PETROVKA, MAY I INTRODUCE THE GREAT, THE ONE AND ONLY, MUJINKO?
MUJINKO?
AW, SHE'S KIDDING! JUST CALL ME WOOZY!

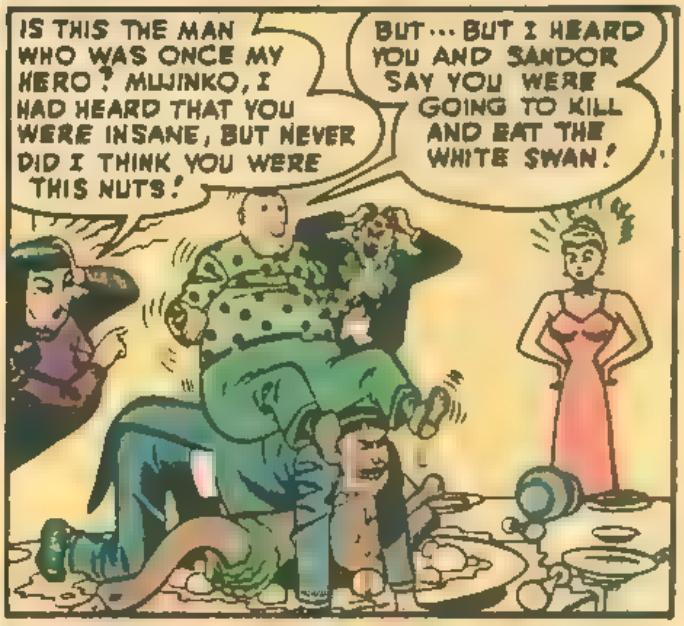

YOU! YOU ARE THE MAN WHO WARNED ME AGAINST SANDOR'S KNIFE!
AH! THEN I WAS RIGHT! YOU REALLY HAD SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT!


GO NOW, PLEASE!
I GET IT! WE'RE BEING SPIED UPON! SHE'S AFRAID!
I'LL GO, BUT FEAR NOTHING! I'LL BE WATCHING OVER YOU, PETROVKA! IF YOU NEED ME, CALL OUT AND I'LL BE THERE!
MUJINKO OR NO MUJINKO, THAT MUGG NEARLY FOULED UP MY BALLET! IF I HAD TO LOOK AT HIM ANOTHER MINUTE, I'D MURDER HIM!
THERE THEY ARE! THEY SEEM TO BE PLOTTING!
TONIGHT WE KILL THE WHITE SWAN!
AND EAT HER!
GRAWK!
IT'S ALL QUITE PLAIN! KURVESKAYA IS IN LOVE WITH ME! SHE THINKS PETROVKA WILL STEAL ME FROM HER! SANDOR IS IN LOVE WITH PETROVKA! HE THINKS SHE LOVES ME!
SANDOR HAD HALF A MIND TO KILL PETROVKA ANYWAY, PROBABLY BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T GO FOR HIM! NOW WITH KURVESKAYA'S ENCOURAGEMENT, HE'LL GO THROUGH WITH IT!

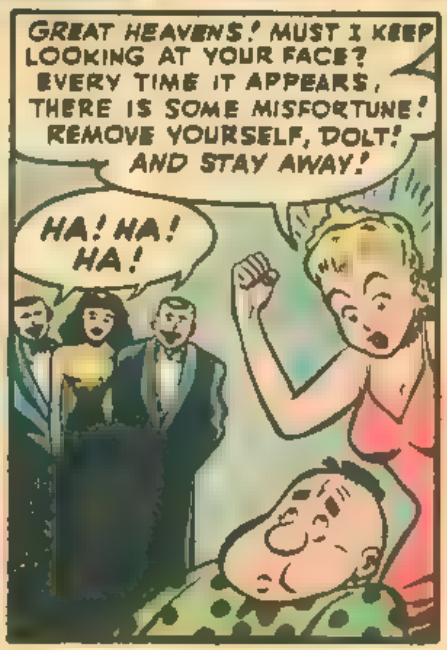

THAT'S WHAT SANDOR MEANT BY TONIGHT WE KILL THE WHITE SWAN! AND THAT HORRIBLE WITCH TALKS OF EATING HER! MY BEAUTIFUL PETROVKA! THE CANNIBALS! I MUST WATCH OVER THE CHILD!
I'LL SHADOW HER, BUT I WON'T LET HER KNOW IT! OTHERWISE, SHE'LL WORRY ABOUT MY SAFETY!
I'LL GO IN AFTER HER! I MUSTN'T LET HER OUT OF MY SIGHT!
YOU CANNOT GO IN THERE! I HAVE ORDERS TO ADMIT ONLY MEMBERS OF THE BALLET TROUPE!
THEY'VE PLANNED THE MURDER CAREFULLY! THEY MADE SURE NOBODY'D INTERRUPT THEM!
BUT THEY WON'T STOP ME!
YAWP! I HAVEN'T GOT A SECOND TO LOSE!
CRASH

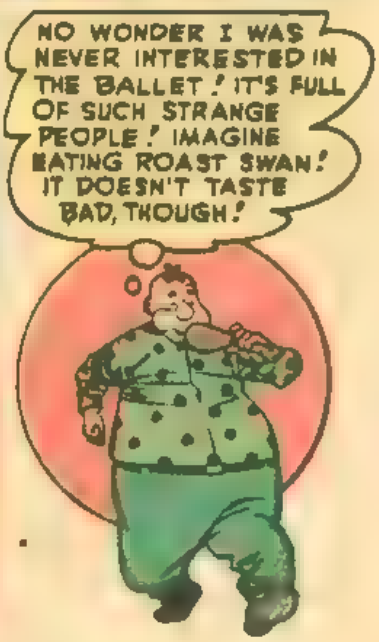

NO, YOU DON'T!


IDIOT! MADMAN!
MAYBE THERE'S BEEN SOME MISTAKE?


IS THIS THE MAN WHO WAS ONCE MY HERO? MUJINKO, I HAD HEARD THAT YOU WERE INSANE, BUT NEVER DID I THINK YOU WERE THIS NUTS!
BUT... BUT I HEARD YOU AND SANDOR SAY YOU WERE GOING TO KILL AND EAT THE WHITE SWAN!

NATURALLY! EVERY YEAR AFTER THE PREMIERE OF THE WHITE SWAN, THE TROUPE HAS A GRAND DINNER AT WHICH WE EAT A ROASTED SWAN WHICH WE HAVE BEEN FEEDING IN PREPARATION FOR THE EVENT!
WHAT A QUAINT CUSTOM!


GREAT HEAVENS! MUST I KEEP LOOKING AT YOUR FACE? EVERY TIME IT APPEARS, THERE IS SOME MISFORTUNE! REMOVE YOURSELF, DOLT! AND STAY AWAY!
HA! HA! HA!


NO WONDER I WAS NEVER INTERESTED IN THE BALLET! IT'S FULL OF SUCH STRANGE PEOPLE! IMAGINE EATING ROAST SWAN! IT DOESN'T TASTE BAD, THOUGH!

A-HUNTING WE WON'T GO

"WELL, Woozy," said Plastic Man, "this is the first time we've taken a hunting trip together. I hope it turns out to be a good one!"

Woozy nodded. "I wish we'd stopped some place beside these dark woods though."

"Don't let the woods frighten you," Plastic Man said. "There's nothing here to harm anyone—unless it's a porcupine or maybe a skunk."

Woozy settled his chunky body deeper in the canoe, while Plastic Man wielded a paddle with vigorous strokes. They were approaching Mackinac Island, in the far northern tip of Lake Superior. Evening was close, and long shadows lay over the water.

"If we just didn't have to camp out all night," lamented Woozy, glancing apprehensively at the forest-cloaked shores of the island. "I don't like it!"

Plastic Man chuckled. "If you don't quit shaking with fear, Woozy, I'll tell you the bloody legends of Mackinac Island, when the Indians held their annual ghost dances here!"

Woozy turned wide eyes toward his plastic companion and shivered harder.

They drew the canoe up on shore, turning it over some excess camping supplies. The rest they carried up the bank and found a fine little clearing to make camp.

"You gather some dry sticks to make the fire," said Plas "I'll attend to getting the chow ready."

Woozy timidly started for the denser shade of the forest, going no farther than the edge of the big maple trees. As he stooped to pick up sticks, he threw affrighted glances over his shoulder. Once a little animal ran out of the woods, scampering away. Woozy let out a shriek and dashed toward Plastic Man, dropping his sticks.

Plastic Man laughed until he had to sit down. "Oh, Woozy, you'll make a wonderful woods companion!" he cried "Off with you now and round up the wood!"

After a few minutes, Woozy came back with an armload of sticks and began making them into a little conical mound. To this he touched a match and it flared into life.

Plas handed his little pal a bucket and pointed a finger toward the woods. "Back there a hundred yards is a nice brook. Get a bucket of water, will you?"

Woozy took the bucket, eyeing the woods tentatively. Then he started off.

A few minutes later Plastic Man heard a terrible sceech, and Woozy came bounding out of the woods, his hair standing on end, eyes rolling.

"I saw it—in the water!" he yelled. "A horrible thing!"

"What?" demanded Plas. "Come on, I'll have a look."

Woozy trailed along behind Plas until they came to the stream. Woozy looked over the edge and pointed, letting out another yelp. Plas roared with laughter. "Why, you little monkey," he cried, "it's only your own reflection! I can't say but what it would frighten anyone, however! Come, dip the water and we'll have dinner in a jiffy."

As they sat eating, Woozy asked, "Are you sure, Plas, that it was me I saw in the stream?"

"Yes," said Plas shortly. He was hungry.

Woozy shook his head sadly. "Then my mother wasn't very happy about me," he said.

Knowing that Woozy would have a hard time getting to sleep, Plastic Man promised to sit by the fire, keep it replenished until Woozy was asleep, and maintain police duty for a time. And finally Woozy fell asleep, snoring as only Woozy can

Plas was dozing too when the crash came. It was a series of crashes, rather, and it jarred both men awake. Plastic Man sat up rubbing his eyes; Woozy jerked erect, staring wildly around. Then he began pointing and blubbering.

Plas looked, saw the two gleaming balls of green fire and shouted. The two fires vanished for a moment, only to reappear at another point.

The fire had burned down to a bed of coals, and now Plas tossed some sticks on it. It caught almost immediately. The fire balls disappeared; but they heard a great crashing nearby. Then a low grunting and sniffing.

"It's the devil!" wailed Woozy. "My mother often told me about the devil doin' that!"

'It's a bear," said Plastic Man. "There is no danger. It's time for bears to hibernate; this one must be a little late—or maybe can't find a good cave."

When morning came, Plas was still groggy from lack of sleep; Woozy was happy that daylight had come. They had breakfast and Plas said they'd hunt during the morning.

"Hunt what?" Woozy wanted to know.

"Animals, stupid! There are several varieties up here."

Woozy shook his head. "If I went along, they would only be huntin' me," he moaned.

"Say," said Plas, "what the dickens did I bring you up here for then? Well, how about you staying in camp and catching some fish for lunch?"

Woozy brightened. "Sure, Plas, I'll do that."

Plastic Man shouldered his rifle and was off into the woods soon afterward. Woozy cleaned up things about camp, then got out a pole and fixed a line and hooks to it. He went to the shore and sat down on a log, making a clumsy cast into the lake.

Outdoor life, to Woozy, was as foreign as anything could possibly be. But he felt he knew how to fish

At last he felt a slight tug at his line, and began pulling. The pole bent. He relaxed the strain and waited a moment. That's where he made his mistake. There was a sudden jerk. Woozy hung onto the pole. His feet slipped and he lost his balance, toppling into the lake. Something on his hook shot away from shore but he clung to the pole with main strength. The speed of the fish was enormous. The water flew back in two waves behind Woozy as the creature hauled him through the lake.

Then abruptly his speed ended; the pole felt slack in his hands. He began to sink. He looked around, saw that he was a quarter-mile from shore, and began yelling, "Hey! Hey, Plas!"

Woozy floundered. He was no swimmer and he was scared out of his wits. He began flaying out toward shore. Puffing and panting and spouting gouts of Lake Superior, he got up to within fifty feet of shore when he saw a great black beast walking back and forth along the edge of the water.

Woozy nearly fainted. What the beast was he had no idea. Every few steps it let out a loud grunt and sniffed the sand in blowing spurts. When Woozy shouted for Plastic Man, the monster reared on its hind legs and shook its front paws in angry gestures like a prize fighter.

Woozy paddled water, trying to think what to do. He couldn't remain in the water much longer. It was icy cold.

Just then he heard a distant rifle shot, and knew that Plastic Man wasn't far away. He yelled again, and the big bear reared, pawing the air.

When he thought he would have to sink and get it over for good, a great crashing in the forest caught his ears. And out on the beach bounded another gigantic monster—one with a pair of huge, curving antlers.

This new trouble bellowed and snorted, and when it saw the bear, began pawing the ground in rage. The bear roared and rushed at the horned one, and the two monsters went at it in fine fashion. Woozy took advantage of their fight to drag himself up on the beach where he sprawled by the log, panting.

Where was Plas? Would he never come? And what would happen to him when the two demons ended their fight?

Suddenly out of the woods ran Plastic Man. He halted when he saw the fighting bear and moose, and raised his rifle. A shot rang out. The moose dropped. The bear whirled and rushed his new enemy.

Woozy saw Plastic Man working with the lever of his rifle, while the bear bounded nearer and nearer. He let out a yell and threw a handful of fish hooks at the monster. The bear got several caught in his forefeet and sat down to caress his bleeding wounds. This gave Plas time to get his gun working again, and with one shot dispatched the creature.

He was beaming when he came up to Woozy.

"You saved the day, Woozy!" he exclaimed. "How did you keep that bear from swimming away?"

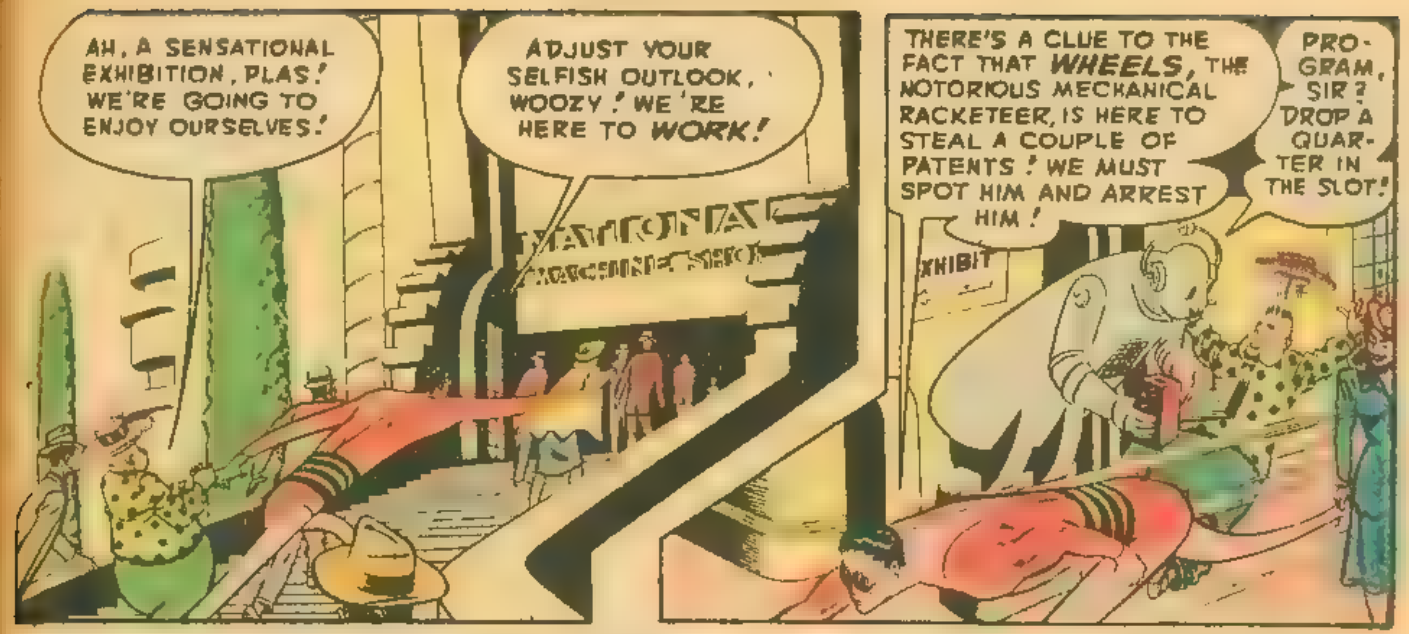
When Woozy explained that he himself had been in the water, Plastic Man laughed. "The bear was afraid to go into the water because you were there already," he said. "So he was stuck on shore and had to face the moose I was chasing this way!"

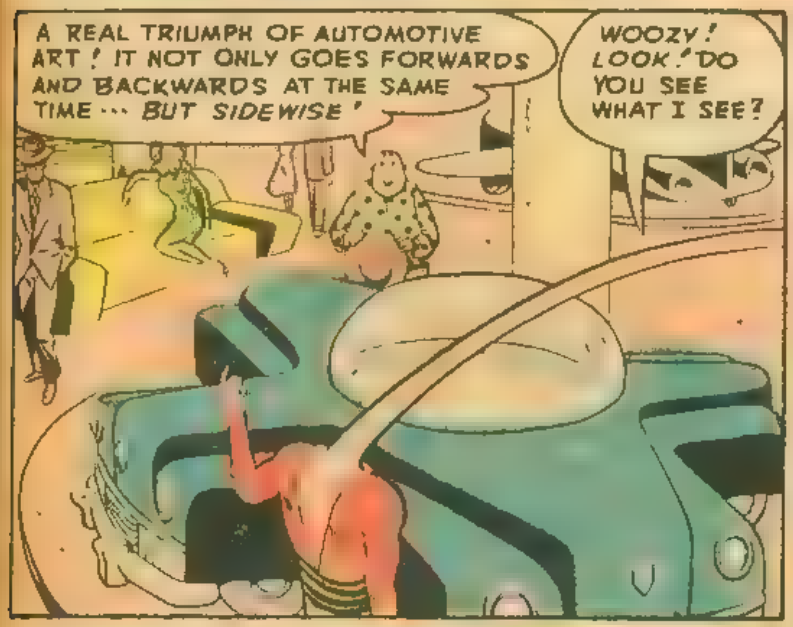
Woozy looked puzzled.

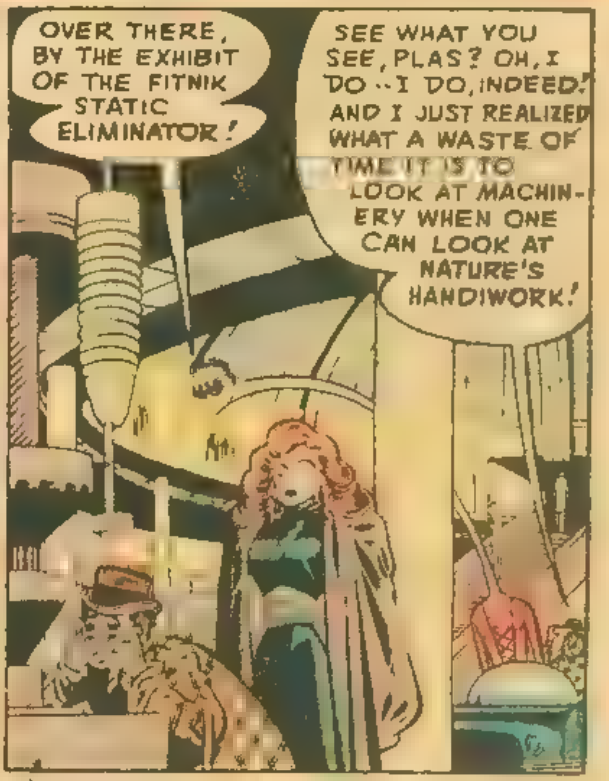
"Don't you see, Woozy, that if you hadn't been pulled out into the lake by the fish, I wouldn't have got either the bear or the moose? And you tell me you aren't a big game hunter!"

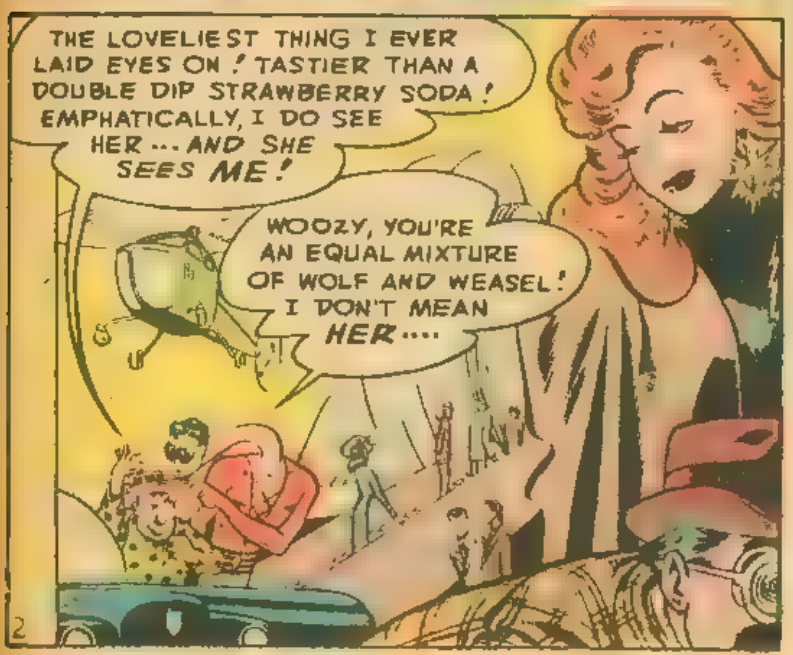
Woozy was happy for the first time.

PLASTIC MAN
Truly we live in the MACHINE AGE!
Electra, blonde beauty of the underworld, was as smooth as clockwork ... deadly as a time bomb ... mysterious as a secret weapon! Not even Woozy Winks was ever in a stranger plight! Not even Plastic Man ever faced a more bizarre menace!
A Marble River Story


AH, A SENSATIONAL EXHIBITION, PLAS! WE'RE GOING TO ENJOY OURSELVES!
ADJUST YOUR SELFISH OUTLOOK, WOOZY! WE'RE HERE TO WORK!
THERE'S A CLUE TO THE FACT THAT WHEELS, THE NOTORIOUS MECHANICAL RACKETEER, IS HERE TO STEAL A COUPLE OF PATENTS! WE MUST SPOT HIM AND ARREST HIM!
PROGRAM, SIR? DROP A QUARTER IN THE SLOT!


A REAL TRIUMPH OF AUTOMOTIVE ART! IT NOT ONLY GOES FORWARDS AND BACKWARDS AT THE SAME TIME··· BUT SIDEWISE!
WOOZY! LOOK! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?


OVER THERE, BY THE EXHIBIT OF THE FITNIK STATIC ELIMINATOR!
SEE WHAT YOU SEE, PLAS? OH, I DO··I DO, INDEED! AND I JUST REALIZED WHAT A WASTE OF TIME IT IS TO LOOK AT MACHINERY WHEN ONE CAN LOOK AT NATURE'S HANDIWORK!


THE LOVELIEST THING I EVER LAID EYES ON! TASTIER THAN A DOUBLE DIP STRAWBERRY SODA! EMPHATICALLY, I DO SEE HER··· AND SHE SEES ME!
WOOZY, YOU'RE AN EQUAL MIXTURE OF WOLF AND WEASEL! I DON'T MEAN HER····
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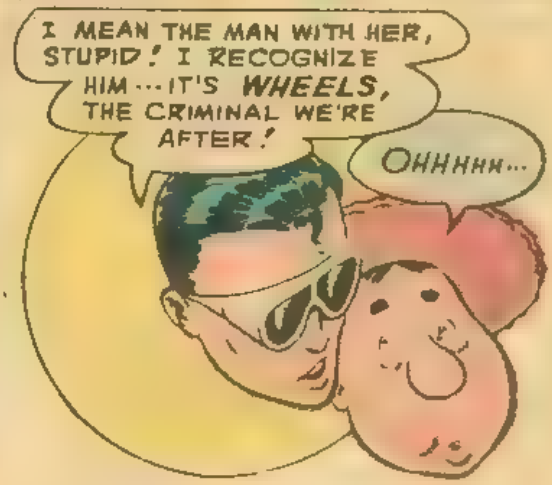
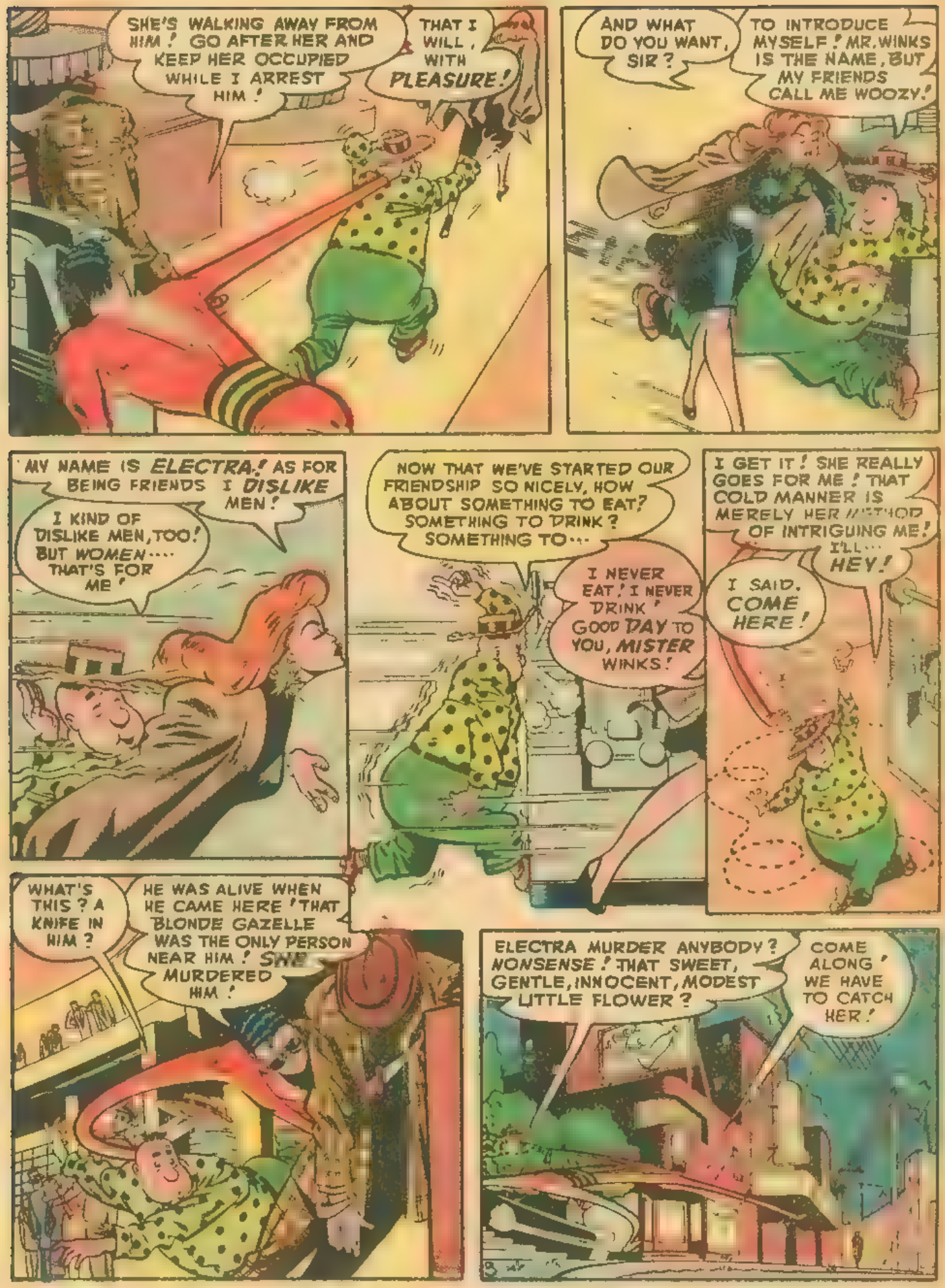
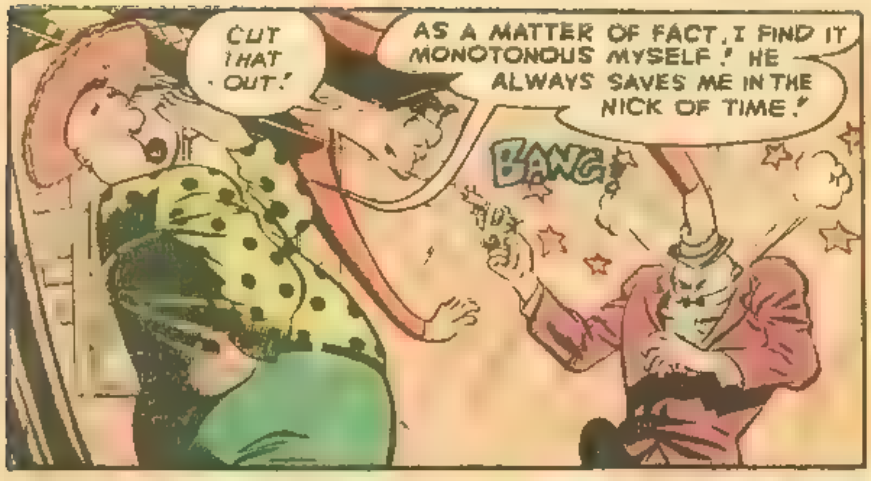
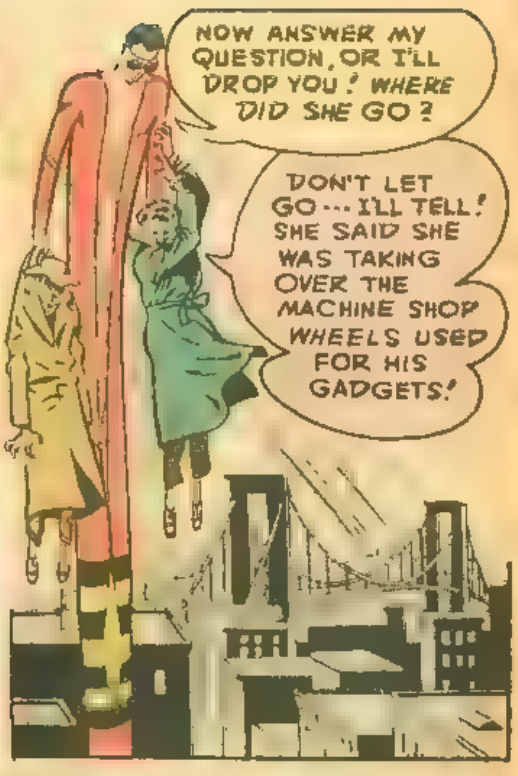
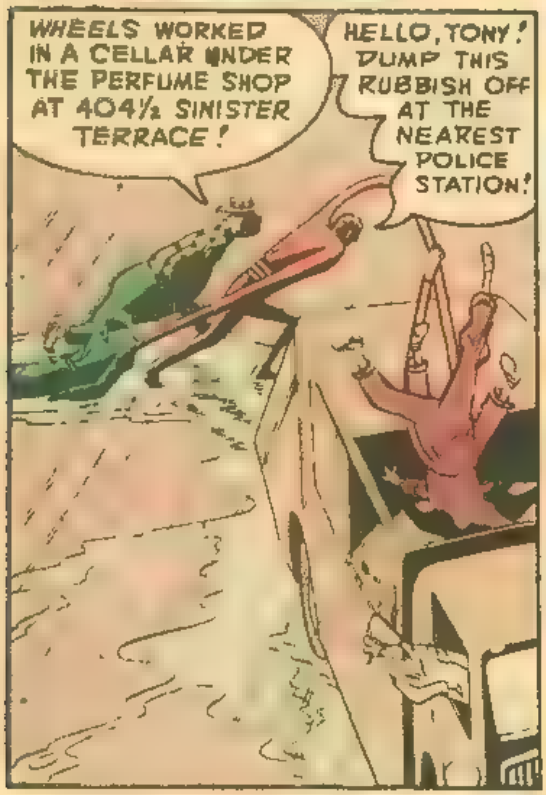

I MEAN THE MAN WITH HER, STUPID! I RECOGNIZE HIM··· IT'S WHEELS, THE CRIMINAL WE'RE AFTER!
OHHHHH···


SHE'S WALKING AWAY FROM HIM! GO AFTER HER AND KEEP HER OCCUPIED WHILE I ARREST HIM!
THAT I WILL, WITH PLEASURE!
AND WHAT DO YOU WANT, SIR?
TO INTRODUCE MYSELF! MR. WINKS IS THE NAME, BUT MY FRIENDS CALL ME WOOZY!
MY NAME IS ELECTRA! AS FOR BEING FRIENDS I DISLIKE MEN!
I KIND OF DISLIKE MEN, TOO! BUT WOMEN.... THAT'S FOR ME!
NOW THAT WE'VE STARTED OUR FRIENDSHIP SO NICELY, HOW ABOUT SOMETHING TO EAT? SOMETHING TO DRINK? SOMETHING TO...
I NEVER EAT! I NEVER DRINK! GOOD DAY TO YOU, MISTER WINKS!
I GET IT! SHE REALLY GOES FOR ME! THAT COLD MANNER IS MERELY HER METHOD OF INTRIGUING ME! I'LL... HEY!
I SAID, COME HERE!
WHAT'S THIS? A KNIFE IN HIM?
HE WAS ALIVE WHEN HE CAME HERE! THAT BLONDE GAZELLE WAS THE ONLY PERSON NEAR HIM! SHE MURDERED HIM!
ELECTRA MURDER ANYBODY? NONSENSE! THAT SWEET, GENTLE, INNOCENT, MODEST LITTLE FLOWER?
COME ALONG! WE HAVE TO CATCH HER!

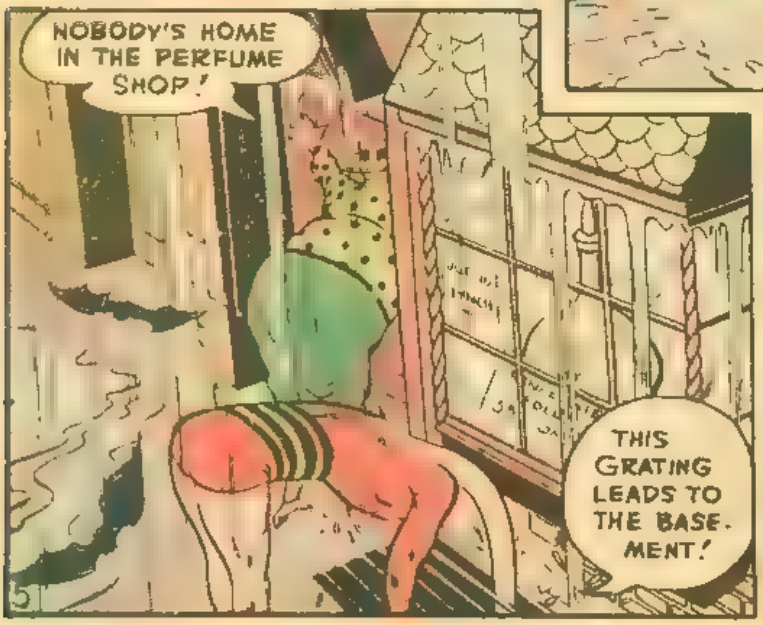
DID YOU DO WHAT YOU PROMISED, ELECTRA? DID YOU KILL THAT DOUBLE-CROSSING WHEELS, AFTER HE USED US TO STEAL THE BLUBBERLY BLUEPRINTS FOR THAT COPPER-TEMPERING MACHINE... AND REFUSED TO PAY OFF?
I SAID I WOULD, AND I DID! YOU CAN SHARE THE MONEY IN HIS SAFE DEPOSIT BOX! I WANT HIS MACHINE SHOP FOR MY REWARD!
SAY, I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU CAME FROM BEFORE WHEELS BEGAN TO SNOW YOU AROUND! BUT NOW HE'S GONE...HOW'S ABOUT YOU AND ME, HUH? I COULD GO FOR YOU!
THEN GO... AWAY FROM HERE!
LET THAT CONVINCE YOU THAT I'M LOOKING FOR NO ROMANTIC ADVENTURE! I KILLED WHEELS BECAUSE HE BORED ME! NOW DOES ANYONE HERE WANT TO START BORING ME? IF SO...
YOU DON'T MEAN THAT, BABY! LOOK, I GOT CONTINENTAL MANNERS...KISS YOUR HAND...
OWW!
GOSH! SHE MUST RATE THAT ELECTRA MONICKER! SLOOPY LIGHTS UP LIKE AN ELECTRIC SIGN!
N-NO, ELECTRA! WE WE'RE GOING... BUT FAST!
THAT BLONDE GIRL! WHICH WAY DID SHE GO?
IT'S PLASTIC MAN, OUR WORST ENEMY! GUNS OUT, BOYS, AND BLAST HIM!
BANG! BANG!
DOESN'T IT GET MONOTONOUS, YOU CROOKS TRYING TO KILL PLAS? HE ALWAYS DODGES!
LET'S SEE YOU DODGE!

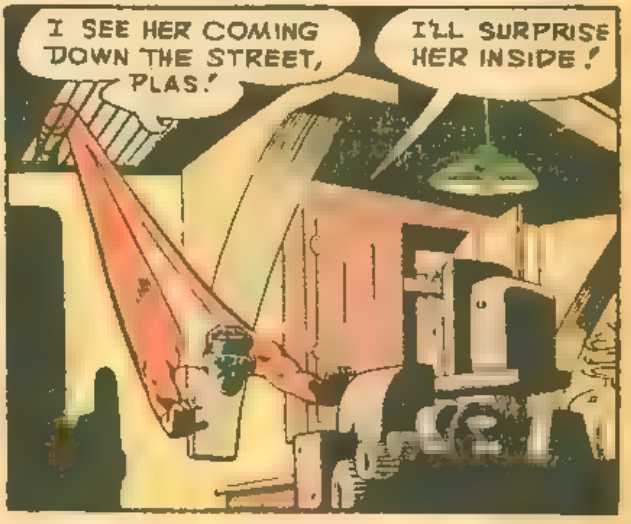

CUT THAT OUT!
AS A MATTER OF FACT, I FIND IT MONOTONOUS MYSELF! HE ALWAYS SAVES ME IN THE NICK OF TIME!
BANG!

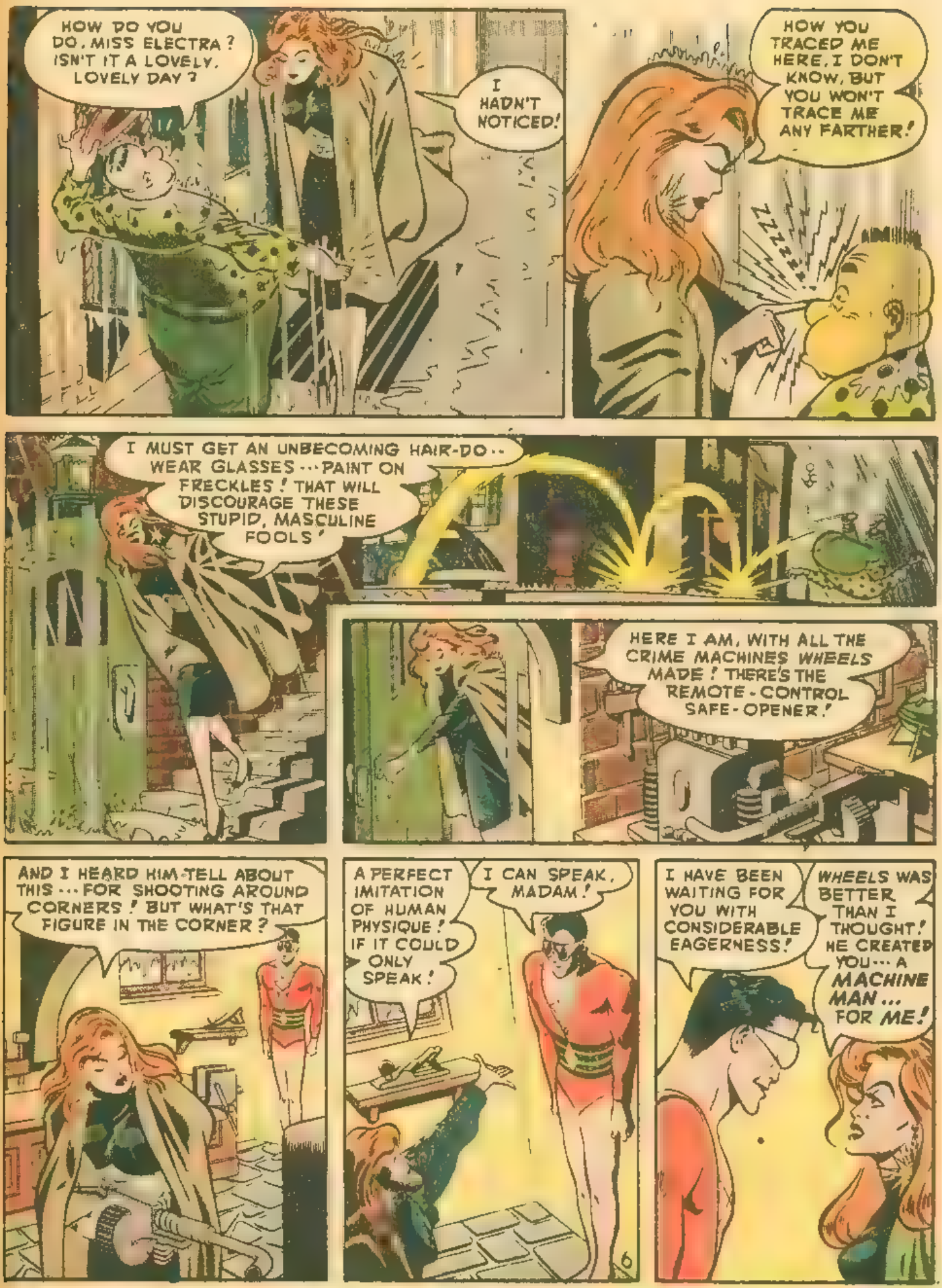

NOW ANSWER MY QUESTION, OR I'LL DROP YOU! WHERE DID SHE GO?
DON'T LET GO··· I'LL TELL! SHE SAID SHE WAS TAKING OVER THE MACHINE SHOP WHEELS USED FOR HIS GADGETS!

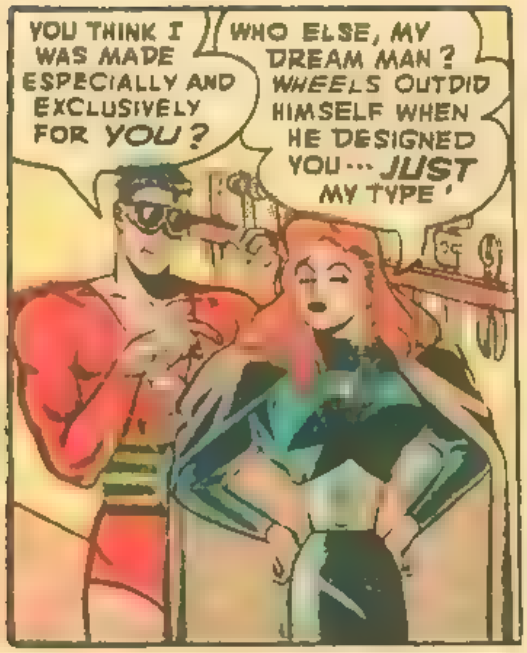

WHEELS WORKED IN A CELLAR UNDER THE PERFUME SHOP AT 404½ SINISTER TERRACE!
HELLO, TONY! DUMP THIS RUBBISH OFF AT THE NEAREST POLICE STATION!

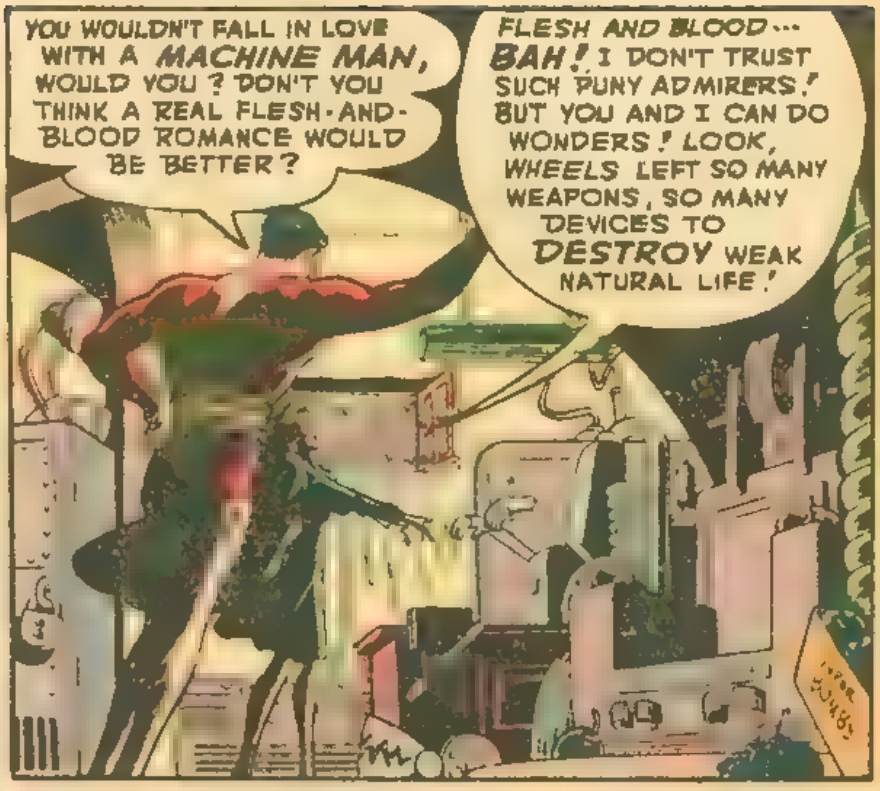
SINISTER TERRACE
THIS IS THE PLACE··· AS IF ONE LOOK WOULDN'T CONVINCE YOU!
AND DOWN THERE'S THE PERFUME SHOP!

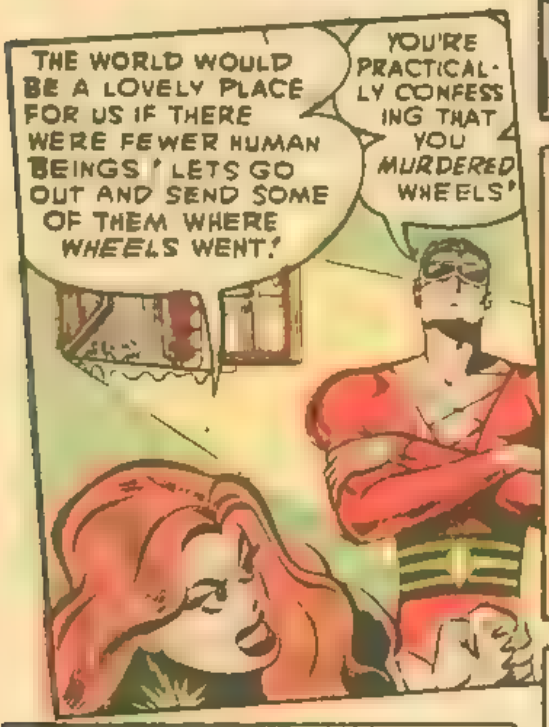

NOBODY'S HOME IN THE PERFUME SHOP!
THIS GRATING LEADS TO THE BASEMENT!

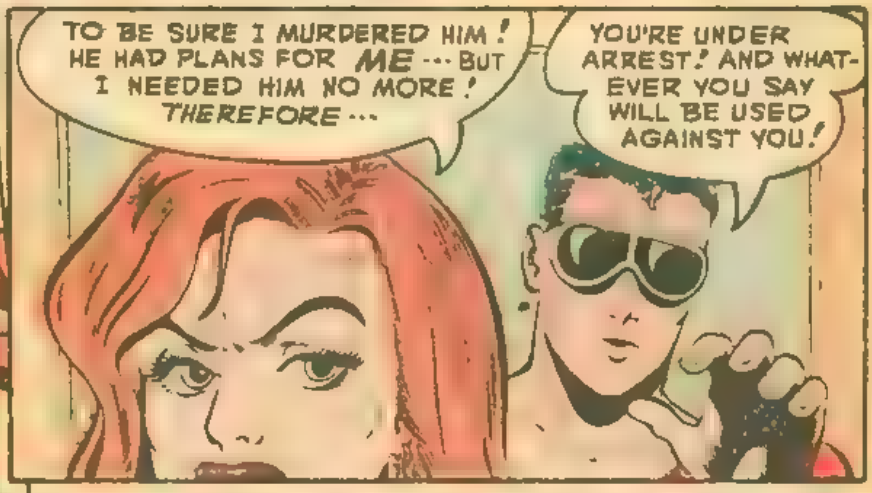

I SEE HER COMING DOWN THE STREET, PLAS!
I'LL SURPRISE HER INSIDE!

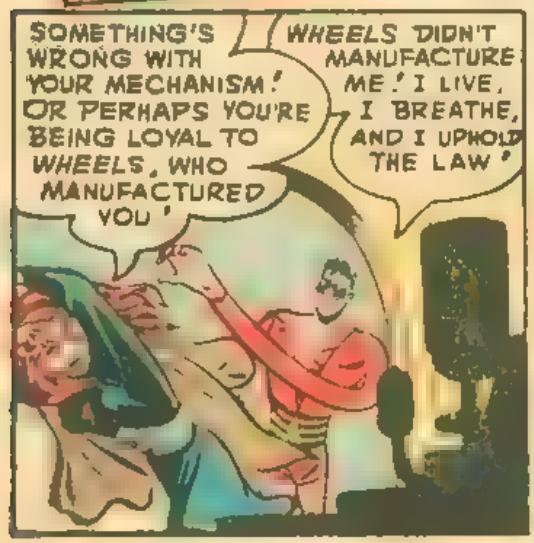

HOW DO YOU DO, MISS ELECTRA? ISN'T IT A LOVELY, LOVELY DAY?
I HADN'T NOTICED!
HOW YOU TRACED ME HERE, I DON'T KNOW, BUT YOU WON'T TRACE ME ANY FARTHER!
ZZZZZZ!
I MUST GET AN UNBECOMING HAIR-DO·· WEAR GLASSES ··· PAINT ON FRECKLES! THAT WILL DISCOURAGE THESE STUPID, MASCULINE FOOLS!
HERE I AM, WITH ALL THE CRIME MACHINES WHEELS MADE! THERE'S THE REMOTE-CONTROL SAFE-OPENER!
AND I HEARD HIM TELL ABOUT THIS ··· FOR SHOOTING AROUND CORNERS! BUT WHAT'S THAT FIGURE IN THE CORNER?
A PERFECT IMITATION OF HUMAN PHYSIQUE! IF IT COULD ONLY SPEAK!
I CAN SPEAK, MADAM!
I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU WITH CONSIDERABLE EAGERNESS!
WHEELS WAS BETTER THAN I THOUGHT! HE CREATED YOU··· A MACHINE MAN... FOR ME!

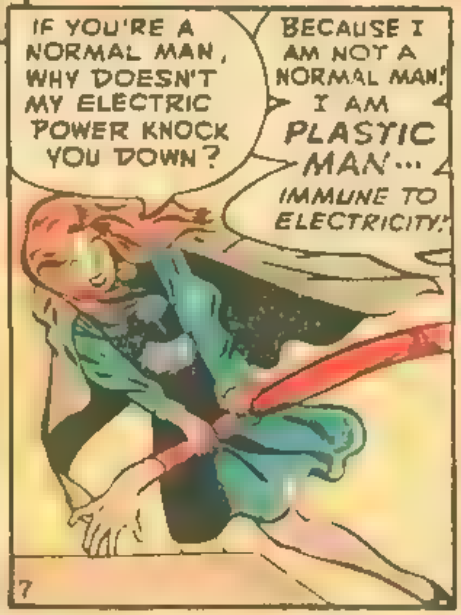

YOU THINK I WAS MADE ESPECIALLY AND EXCLUSIVELY FOR YOU?
WHO ELSE, MY DREAM MAN? WHEELS OUTDID HIMSELF WHEN HE DESIGNED YOU ··· JUST MY TYPE!


YOU WOULDN'T FALL IN LOVE WITH A MACHINE MAN, WOULD YOU? DON'T YOU THINK A REAL FLESH-AND-BLOOD ROMANCE WOULD BE BETTER?
FLESH AND BLOOD··· BAH! I DON'T TRUST SUCH PUNY ADMIRERS! BUT YOU AND I CAN DO WONDERS! LOOK, WHEELS LEFT SO MANY WEAPONS, SO MANY DEVICES TO DESTROY WEAK NATURAL LIFE!


THE WORLD WOULD BE A LOVELY PLACE FOR US IF THERE WERE FEWER HUMAN BEINGS! LETS GO OUT AND SEND SOME OF THEM WHERE WHEELS WENT!
YOU'RE PRACTICALLY CONFESSING THAT YOU MURDERED WHEELS!


TO BE SURE I MURDERED HIM! HE HAD PLANS FOR ME ··· BUT I NEEDED HIM NO MORE! THEREFORE ···
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST! AND WHATEVER YOU SAY WILL BE USED AGAINST YOU!


SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH YOUR MECHANISM! OR PERHAPS YOU'RE BEING LOYAL TO WHEELS, WHO MANUFACTURED YOU!
WHEELS DIDN'T MANUFACTURE ME! I LIVE, I BREATHE, AND I UPHOLD THE LAW!


IF YOU'RE A NORMAL MAN, WHY DOESN'T MY ELECTRIC POWER KNOCK YOU DOWN?
BECAUSE I AM NOT A NORMAL MAN! I AM PLASTIC MAN··· IMMUNE TO ELECTRICITY!
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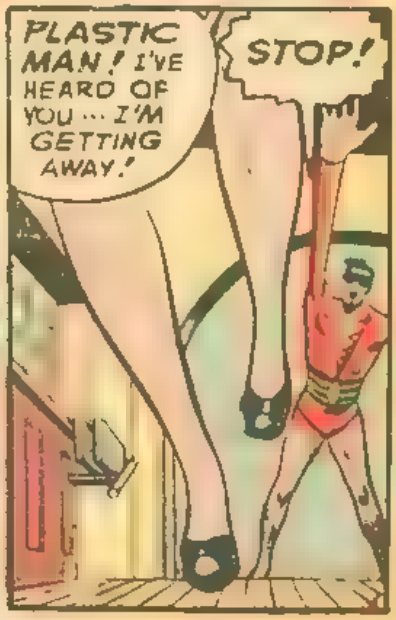
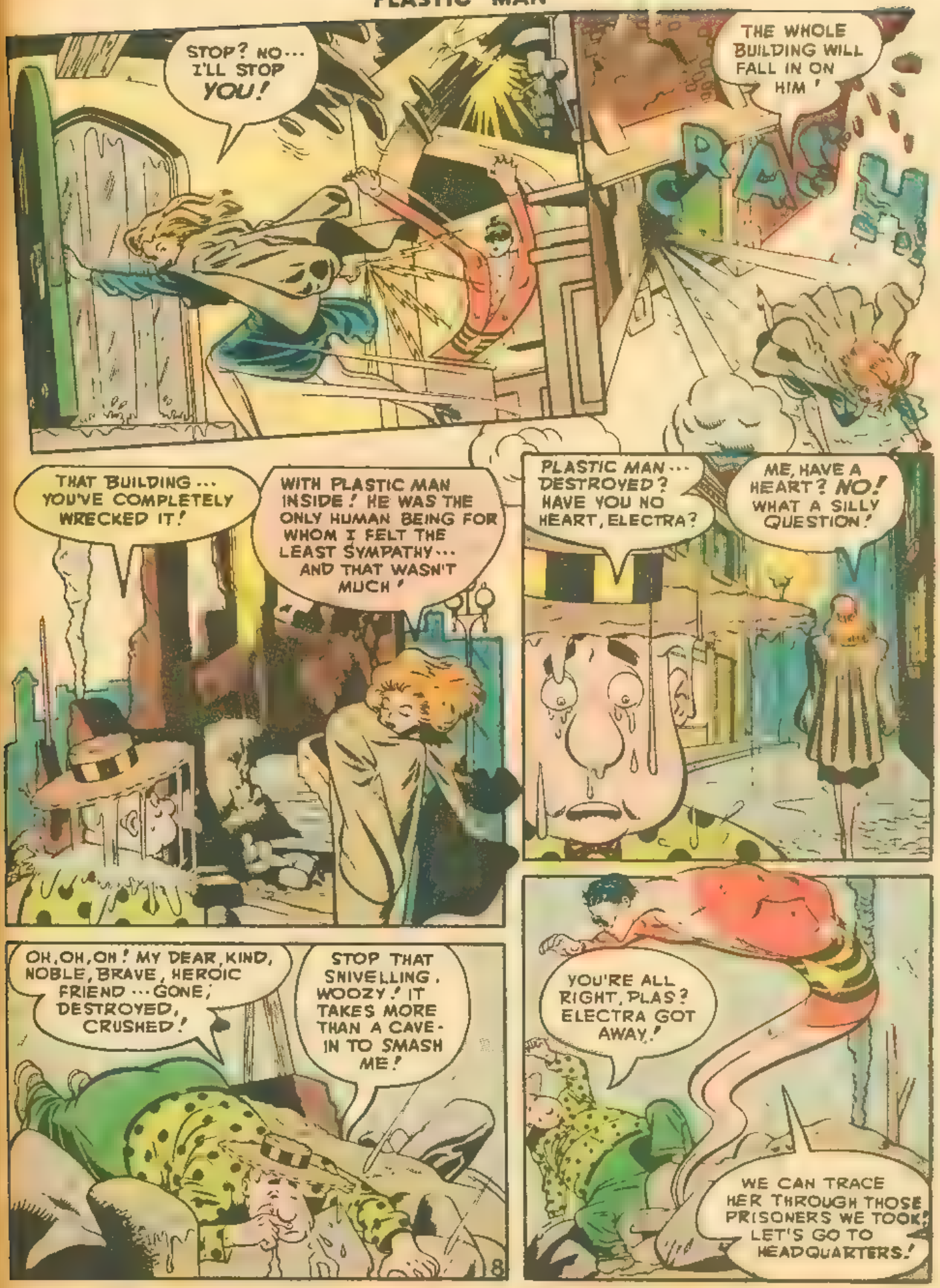
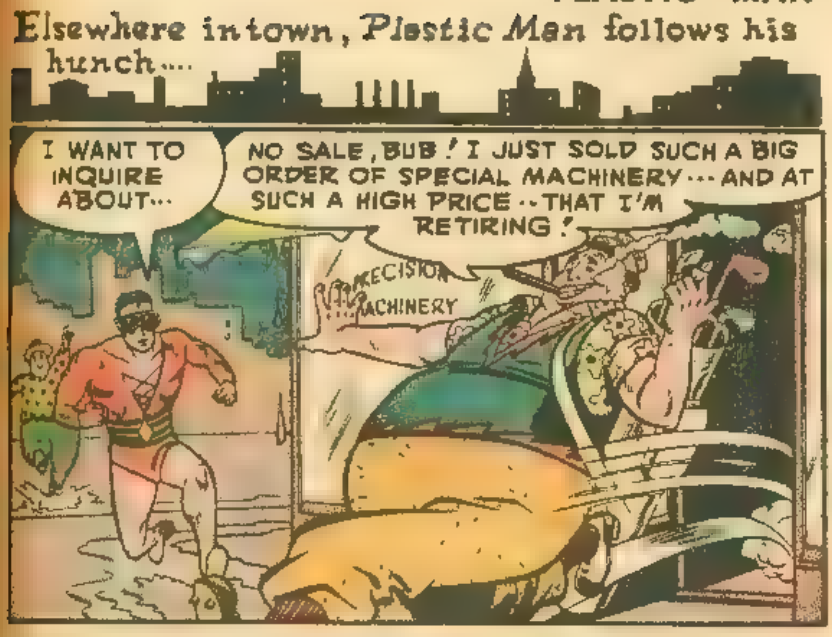

PLASTIC MAN! I'VE HEARD OF YOU ··· I'M GETTING AWAY!
STOP!


STOP? NO··· I'LL STOP YOU!
THE WHOLE BUILDING WILL FALL IN ON HIM!
CRASH
THAT BUILDING ··· YOU'VE COMPLETELY WRECKED IT!
WITH PLASTIC MAN INSIDE! HE WAS THE ONLY HUMAN BEING FOR WHOM I FELT THE LEAST SYMPATHY··· AND THAT WASN'T MUCH!
PLASTIC MAN··· DESTROYED? HAVE YOU NO HEART, ELECTRA?
ME, HAVE A HEART? NO! WHAT A SILLY QUESTION!
OH, OH, OH! MY DEAR, KIND, NOBLE, BRAVE, HEROIC FRIEND ··· GONE, DESTROYED, CRUSHED!
STOP THAT SNIVELLING, WOOZY! IT TAKES MORE THAN A CAVE-IN TO SMASH ME!
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, PLAS? ELECTRA GOT AWAY!
WE CAN TRACE HER THROUGH THOSE PRISONERS WE TOOK! LET'S GO TO HEADQUARTERS!

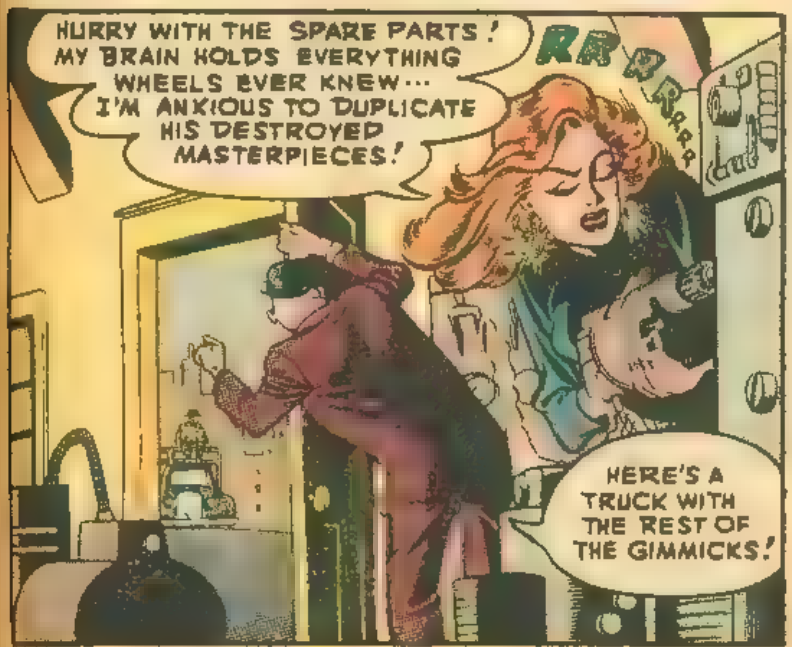
But at F.B.I. headquarters.....
THOSE THREE MEN YOU SENT IN WERE BAILED OUT.... BY A BLONDE BEAUTY WHO CALLED HERSELF ELECTRA!
ELECTRA? CHIEF, SHE'S THE MOST DANGEROUS, RELENTLESS CRIMINAL NOW AT LARGE!
SHE SEEMS TO HAVE ONLY ONE MOTIVE ...TO DESTROY HUMANITY! WHERE SHE'LL STRIKE, I DON'T KNOW!
BUT IF HER WEAPONS WERE BURIED IN THAT WRECK YOU TELL ABOUT, SHE'LL HAVE TO MAKE NEW ONES! GO OUT AND STOP HER, PLAS!
YOU HAVEN'T ANY CLUES OR ANY LEADS! WHERE WILL YOU LOOK FIRST?
DON'T ASK QUESTIONS, WOOZY! I HAVEN'T TIME TO GIVE ANY ANSWERS! JUST FOLLOW ALONG!
Meanwhile...
ELECTRA, YOU'RE THE BEST FRIEND WE HAVE! WE'RE GRATEFUL!
GRATEFUL? I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE WORD MEANS! ALL I SAY IS, OBEY MY ORDERS, OR I'LL START OUT BY DESTROYING YOU INSTEAD OF SOMEBODY ELSE!
YES, MA'AM! WE'LL DO WHATEVER YOU SAY!
THEN GO OUT AND SCOUR THE MACHINE SHOPS FOR THESE MATERIALS! I'LL HAVE TO BUILD A NEW WORKSHOP TO REPLACE THE ONE I WRECKED!
MEANWHILE, I'M HUNGRY! YOU GO AND BRING ME A SCUTTLEFUL OF COAL! I WANT IT AFIRE... RED HOT!
COAL? AFIRE? RED HOT? ANYTHING YOU SAY!
SHE'S EATING IT!
WHATEVER SHE SAYS TO DO, I'LL DO! I WISH I COULD GO STRAIGHT, BUT I DON'T DARE!

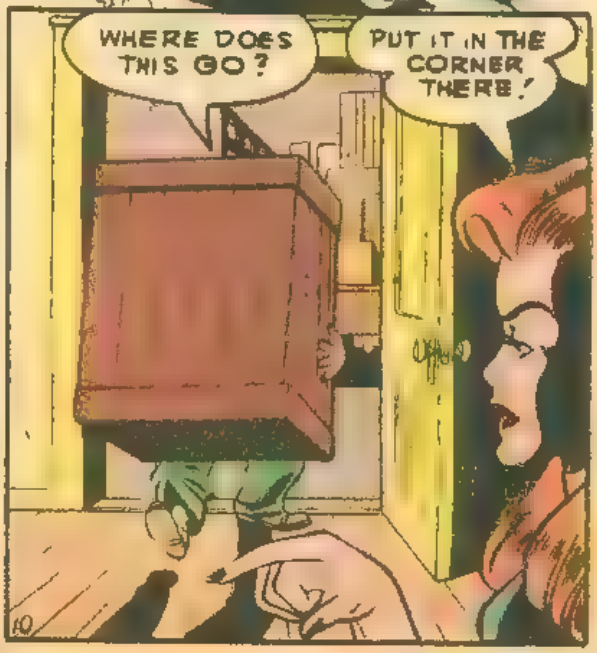

Elsewhere in town, Plastic Man follows his hunch....
I WANT TO INQUIRE ABOUT...
NO SALE, BUB! I JUST SOLD SUCH A BIG ORDER OF SPECIAL MACHINERY... AND AT SUCH A HIGH PRICE..THAT I'M RETIRING!
PRECISION MACHINERY

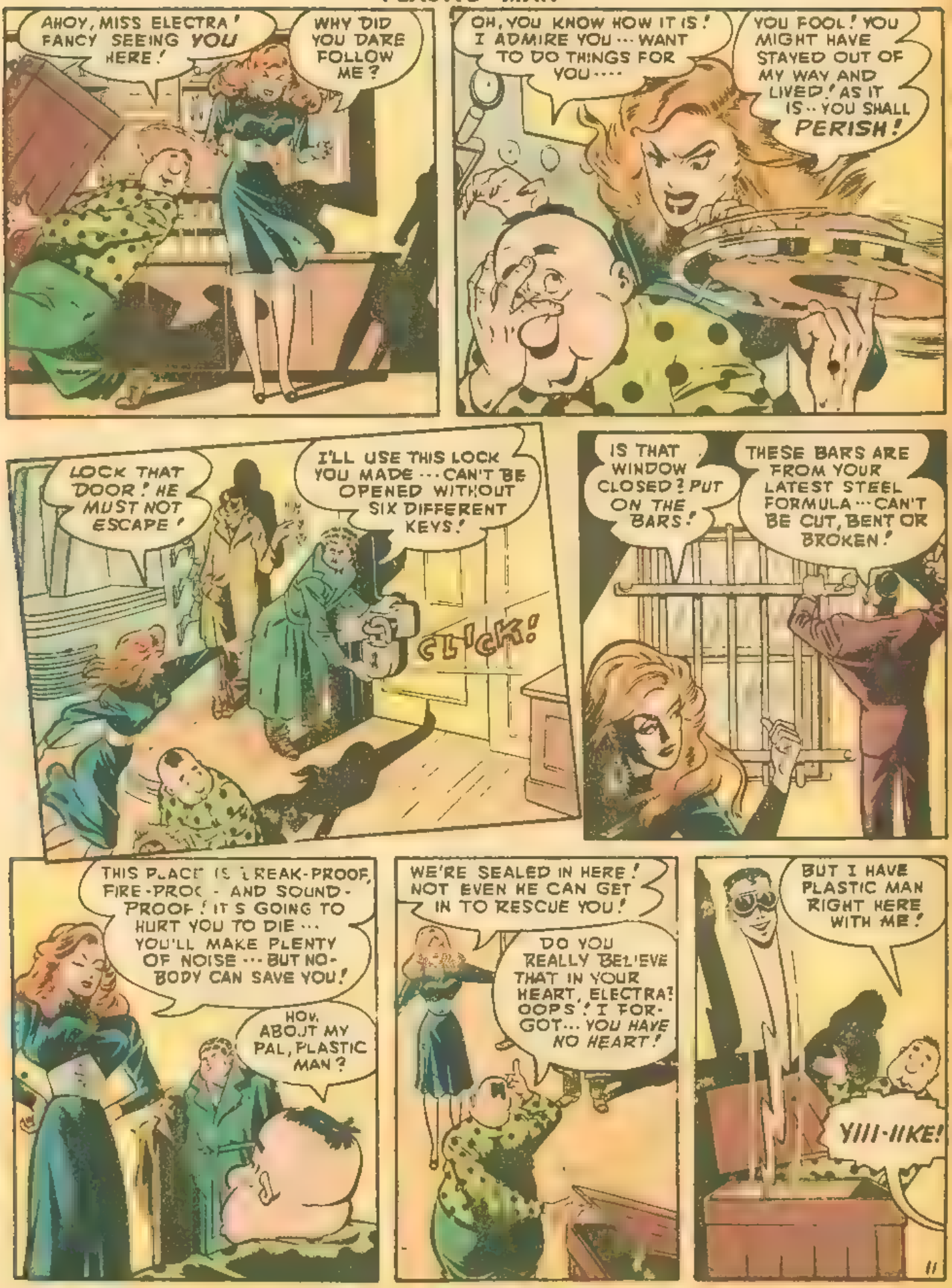
YOU SAY THAT WAS A LEAD? BUT HE DIDN'T TELL US ANYTHING!
HE TOLD US PLENTY! LET'S INTERVIEW THIS MACHINERY CONCERN UP THE BLOCK!

I CAN'T ANSWER QUESTIONS NOW! THIS IS A RUSH ORDER AND MY SHIPPING CLERK IS HOME SICK!
MY PAL AND I WILL HELP YOU LOAD YOUR TRUCK! YES, AND WE'LL DELIVER THE STUFF!

HAVE YOU GIVEN UP, PLAS? OR, DID YOU THINK THAT HEAVY WORK WOULD STRETCH YOUR MUSCLES?
NEITHER! RIDING THIS TRUCK WILL TAKE US TO OUR PREY!


HURRY WITH THE SPARE PARTS! MY BRAIN HOLDS EVERYTHING WHEELS EVER KNEW... I'M ANXIOUS TO DUPLICATE HIS DESTROYED MASTERPIECES!
RRRRRR
HERE'S A TRUCK WITH THE REST OF THE GIMMICKS!


WHERE DOES THIS GO?
PUT IT IN THE CORNER THERE!


AHOY, MISS ELECTRA! FANCY SEEING YOU HERE!
WHY DID YOU DARE FOLLOW ME?
OH, YOU KNOW HOW IT IS! I ADMIRE YOU ··· WANT TO DO THINGS FOR YOU ····
YOU FOOL! YOU MIGHT HAVE STAYED OUT OF MY WAY AND LIVED! AS IT IS ·· YOU SHALL PERISH!
LOCK THAT DOOR! HE MUST NOT ESCAPE!
I'LL USE THIS LOCK YOU MADE ··· CAN'T BE OPENED WITHOUT SIX DIFFERENT KEYS!
CLICK!
IS THAT WINDOW CLOSED? PUT ON THE BARS!
THESE BARS ARE FROM YOUR LATEST STEEL FORMULA ··· CAN'T BE CUT, BENT OR BROKEN!
THIS PLACE IS BREAK-PROOF, FIRE-PROOF - AND SOUND-PROOF! IT'S GOING TO HURT YOU TO DIE ··· YOU'LL MAKE PLENTY OF NOISE ··· BUT NOBODY CAN SAVE YOU!
HOW ABOUT MY PAL, PLASTIC MAN?
WE'RE SEALED IN HERE! NOT EVEN HE CAN GET IN TO RESCUE YOU!
DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT IN YOUR HEART, ELECTRA? OOPS! I FORGOT ··· YOU HAVE NO HEART!
BUT I HAVE PLASTIC MAN RIGHT HERE WITH ME!
YIII-IIKE!
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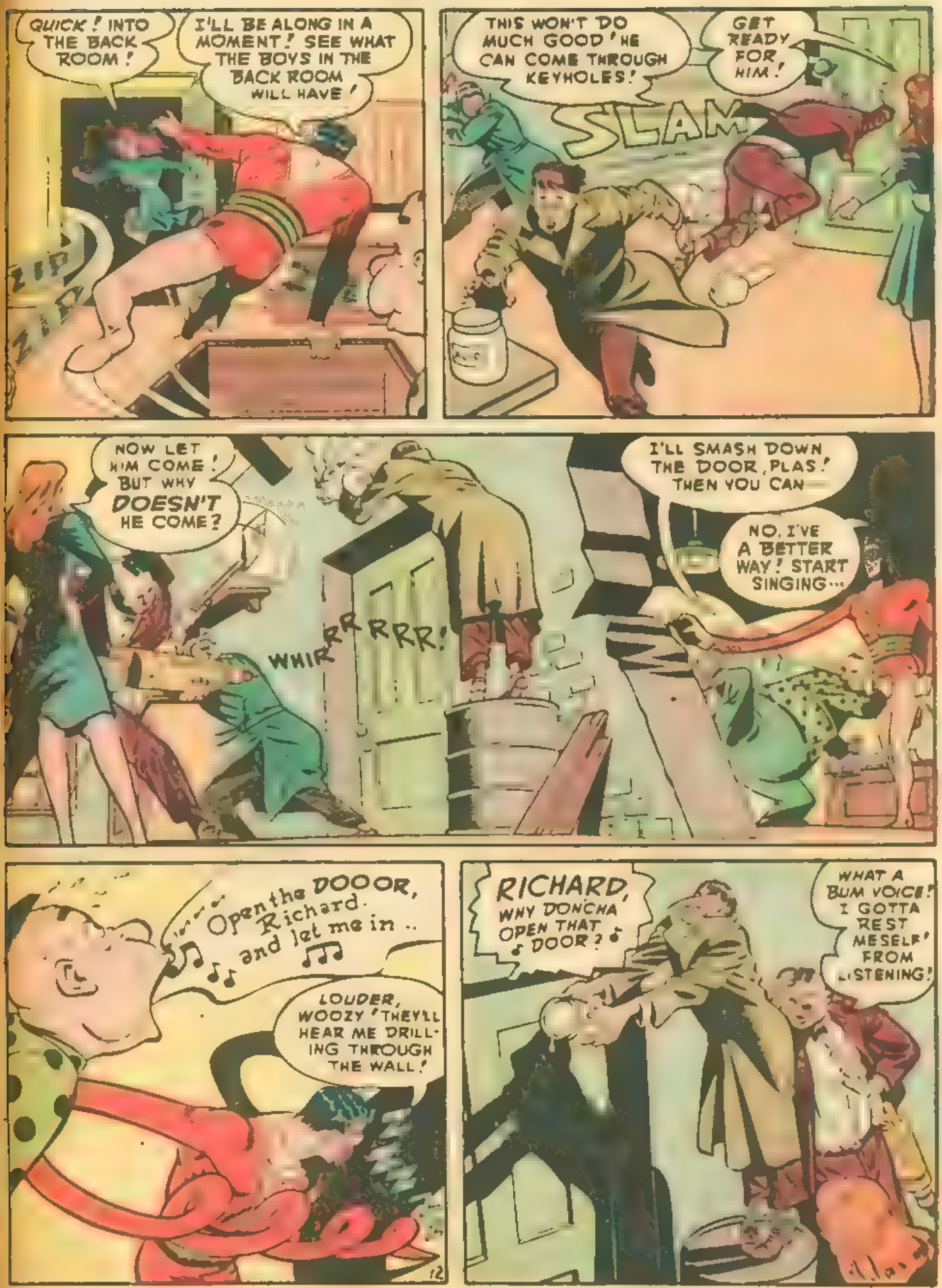
QUICK! INTO THE BACK ROOM!
I'LL BE ALONG IN A MOMENT! SEE WHAT THE BOYS IN THE BACK ROOM WILL HAVE!
ZIP
ZIP
THIS WON'T DO MUCH GOOD! HE CAN COME THROUGH KEYHOLES!
GET READY FOR HIM!
SLAM
NOW LET HIM COME! BUT WHY DOESN'T HE COME?
I'LL SMASH DOWN THE DOOR, PLAS! THEN YOU CAN
NO, I'VE A BETTER WAY! START SINGING...
WHIRRRRRR!
Open the DOOOR, Richard and let me in ..
LOUDER, WOOZY! THEY'LL HEAR ME DRILLING THROUGH THE WALL!
RICHARD, WHY DONCHA OPEN THAT DOOR?
WHAT A BUM VOICE! I GOTTA REST MESELF FROM LISTENING!
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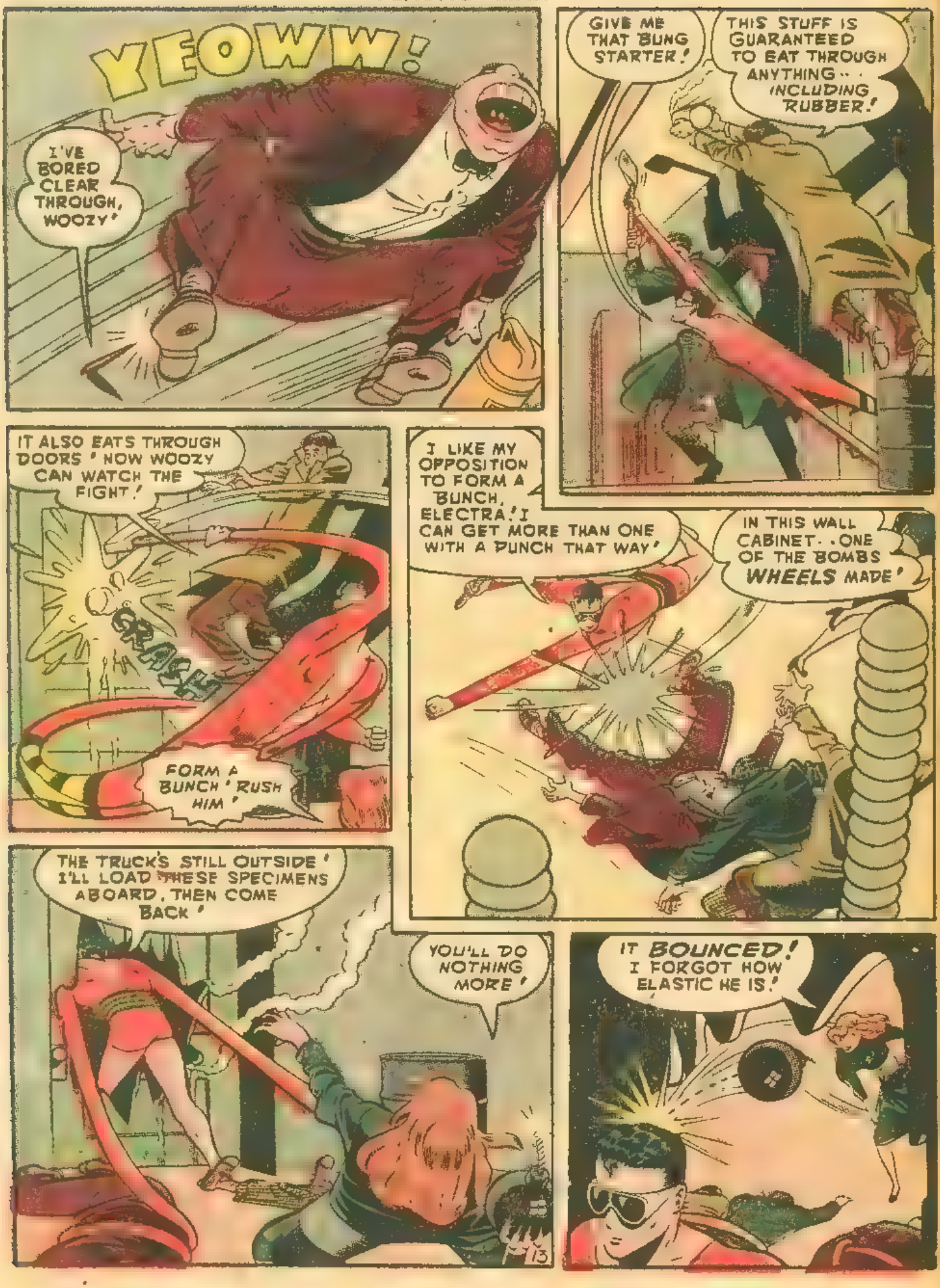
YEOWW!
I'VE BORED CLEAR THROUGH, WOOZY!
GIVE ME THAT BUNG STARTER!
THIS STUFF IS GUARANTEED TO EAT THROUGH ANYTHING... INCLUDING RUBBER!
IT ALSO EATS THROUGH DOORS! NOW WOOZY CAN WATCH THE FIGHT!
CRASH
FORM A BUNCH! RUSH HIM!
I LIKE MY OPPOSITION TO FORM A BUNCH, ELECTRA! I CAN GET MORE THAN ONE WITH A PUNCH THAT WAY!
IN THIS WALL CABINET... ONE OF THE BOMBS WHEELS MADE!
THE TRUCK'S STILL OUTSIDE! I'LL LOAD THESE SPECIMENS ABOARD, THEN COME BACK!
YOU'LL DO NOTHING MORE!
IT BOUNCED! I FORGOT HOW ELASTIC HE IS!
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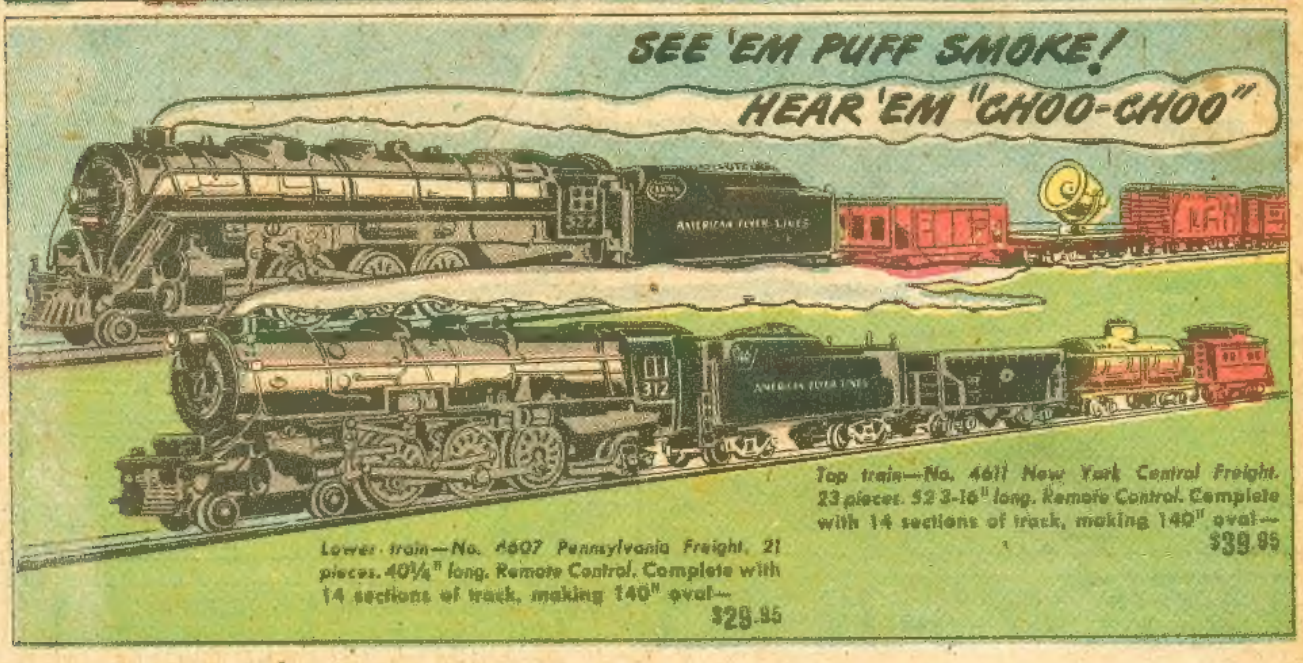
BOOM!
WHO SNEEZED? OR WAS IT AN EARTHQUAKE?
WAKE UP, WOOZY! THE BOMB FLEW BACK TOWARD ELECTRA! IT MUST HAVE FINISHED HER!
I DON'T WANT TO LOOK! SHE WAS WICKED BUT SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL!
WOOZY, HAVEN'T YOU GUESSED WHAT ELECTRA REALLY WAS? I DID, LONG AGO!
THERE'S ONLY THE WRECKAGE OF MACHINERY! ELECTRA MUST HAVE ESCAPED!
NO! THE WRECKAGE IS ELECTRA!
WHEELS MADE A WONDERFUL MECHANICAL DOLL ... IT LIVED, MOVED, THOUGHT AND CARRIED OUT HIS CRIMINAL NOTIONS! IT WAS HIS GREAT MASTER-PIECE OF OUTLAWRY!
SHE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH WHEN SHE SAID SHE HAD NO HEART!
AND THIS EXPLAINS WHY SHE HATED HUMANITY! SHE WAS A MOTORIZED MONSTER! COME ON, I'LL BUY YOU A SODA TO QUIET YOUR NERVES!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, HANDSOME? AREN'T YOU LOOKING AT ME OR LISTENING TO ME?
PLEASE, BABY! IT'LL BE WEEKS BEFORE I SEE A PRETTY GIRL WITHOUT WONDERING IF SHE WANTS TO GO TO THE THEATER ... OR THE REPAIR SHOP!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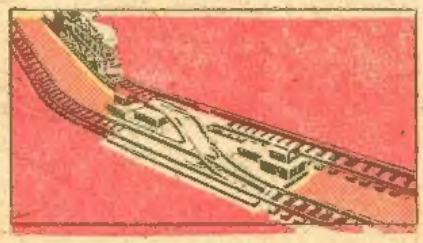

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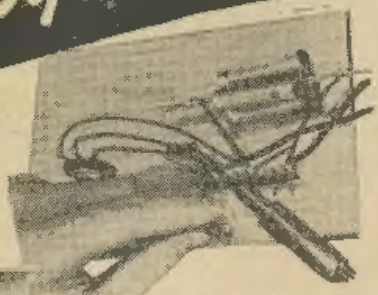

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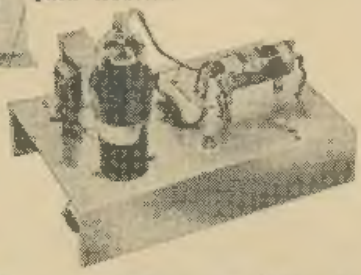

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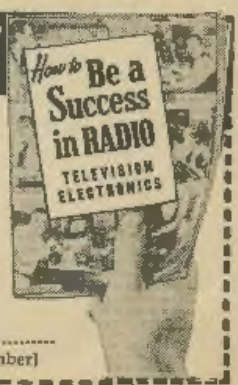

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